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"A Step Toward Excellence"

"East Mississippi Community College's theme this year is 'Take a Step Toward Excellence.' It calls on us to grow every day, in every way."

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"There are two books that will become more important to you with every passing year. One is the Bible; the other is your college yearbook."

Suzanne Monk, yearbook adviser

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SOFTBALL FIELD
In February, East Mississippi Community College's softball team hosted its first home game at a brand-new softball field. The initial step toward excellence in a larger plan to upgrade all of EMCC's athletic facilities, the softball complex includes new dugouts, a training room and locker room, a concession stand, bleachers, a press box and additional parking for fans. The next step: renovation and upgrades for Gerald Poole Field, home of the Lions' baseball team.

WINNING EFFORT
EMCC athletes fought hard in every match-up. At right, No. 11 Kottia White jumps up and over defenders from Northwest Mississippi Community College to score for the Lions. At right, new head men's basketball coach Mark White huddles with No. 22 Lewis Little, No. 30 Brittion Smith and No. 23 Keith James during the same game. The women won 59-57 that night; the men won 119-115 in double overtime.

FEARLESS
No. 2 Leon Berry stiff-arms a Northeast tackler. Crowds filled Sullivan-Windham Field in the fall as fans came out to support their Lions.

SOUL AND SPIRIT
Fred Boykins speaks during See You at the Pole, a nationwide prayer event. With 65 members, the Lions Pride Marching Band, below, was the largest ever fielded at EMCC.

READY FOR THE FUTURE
Austin Touchstone, a student in EMCC's new Lineworker Program, signals "thumbs up" as he poses with instructor Doyle Perkins. At left, Isaiah Lewis and Montrez Mosley study in the newly renovated Tubb-May Memorial Library.

Steps toward excellence ...

Home campus: East Mississippi Community College's original home is Scooba, a residential campus established in 1927.

Student Union/Cafeteria/Bookstore: The current student center was built in 1977. The new student union will include a book/convenience store, student food services, study areas, meeting rooms and a recreation and fitness area.

Sports Complex: A new sports complex will enable EMCC to recruit more competitive student athletes. The complex will include field houses to accommodate football, baseball and softball.

Soccer and Band Practice Field: With the completion of the new sports complex, the existing football field will be renovated for soccer and the marching band; existing stadium lighting will be replaced.

Foundation and Sports Museum: Once the new sports complex is complete, the entrance to the existing football stadium will be renovated to house the EMCC Development Foundation offices and an EMCC sports museum -- focusing especially on the Bull Sullivan era.

Band Hall: Currently the band is housed in a 5,644-square-foot building, dating back to 1948. The space is shared with the choir. The band and choir have grown tremendously over the last few years. The college intends to renovate the existing cafeteria to house the band.

Music Building Renovations: The Music Building will house the Reflections and the EMCC Choir, and provide space for classroom and individual music instruction and practice rooms.

Oktibbeha Hall Renovation: Originally built in 1957, Oktibbeha Hall was last renovated in 1978. The 16,476-square-foot structure houses offices and classrooms -- as well as biology, anatomy, physiology, botany and physics labs. It will be renovated to accommodate the changing needs of today's science programs.

Security Station/Welcome Center: With more than 400 commuter students, community traffic and 400-plus residential students, a new security station will help the college monitor people entering campus.

More projects: In the coming years, EMCC also hopes to build a 20-acre lake and a nine-hole golf course, renovate Stennis Hall and the Hawkins Vocational Center, landscape, improve signage, and convert attic space in the Davis Administration Building to office space.

Golden Triangle

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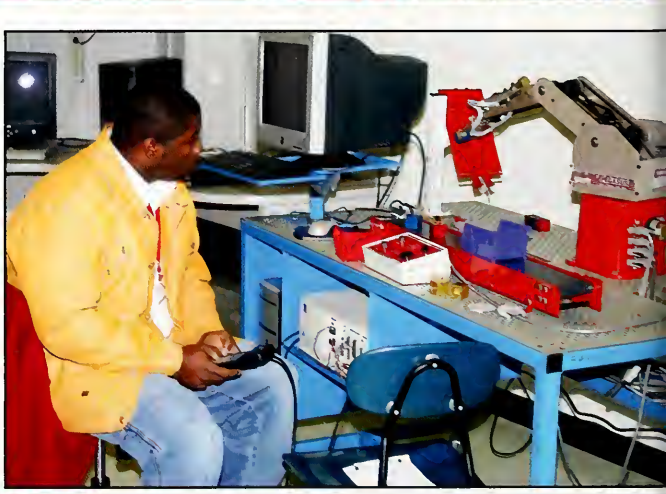
HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS BUILDING
In Golden Triangle's latest step toward excellence, a new $3.5 million Humanities and Fine Arts Building opened Aug. 15. The facility encloses nearly 25,000 square feet and includes 10 multi-purpose classrooms in addition to a music hall, an English computer lab, an art/ceramics studio, 12 faculty offices and an administrative suite. Built on the banks of a lake, the facility will be joined in coming years by a Student Union building and an Allied Health building.

PREPAREDNESS
In January, Dr. Steve Vacik was named Vice President for Academics, succeeding Dr. John Perry, a longtime member of the EMCC family. At far right, when the Mississippi National Guard of Grenada needed training on automotive heating and air-conditioning, it turned to EMCC; instructor Grady Graham is shown teaching a Guardsman how to remove the pressure control valve on a compressor.

ACADEMICS AND CAREER/TECHNICAL
Art instructor Marsha Patterson helps Talissia Jones with a linear perspective drawing. At far right, Timothy Carter programs a robotic arm in the Automation and Control lab.



HOMECOMING
Students gather shortly before Homecoming for an outdoor event on the beautiful back campus at Golden Triangle.

WORKFORCE LEADERSHIP
Gov. Haley Barbour, above, listens during an August visit to Golden Triangle as Dr. Rick Young talks about EMCC's Welding Program -- the only two-year associate's degree welding program in the state. At left, machine shop instructor Steve Malone was part of a group from EMCC that toured a PACCAR plant in Eindhoven, The Netherlands. The diesel manufacturer broke ground for a new plant in July, and EMCC will supply workforce training for the new facility.

Steps toward excellence ...

Student Union/Cafeteria: With more than 3,000 students on this commuter campus, EMCC plans an anchor building to offer food service, recreation and physical fitness activities, an auditorium, and conference and meeting rooms for both the college and the community.

Allied Health Building: For the last two years, EMCC has added one Allied Health program to its offerings each year -- and a new building is needed to house this expansion.

Renovation of Douglas Annex: The overwhelming need to raise the level of manufacturing-specific training that emphasizes metals demands an expansion of the Douglas Annex. The renovation will provide the newest and most technologically advanced training.

Transportation Technology Center: With the renovation of the Douglas Annex will come the relocation of the existing Automotive Technology Program to accommodate increased enrollment. In addition, with the start-up of PACCAR, EMCC will bring back the diesel technology program.

New Entrance and Roadway: As the campus expands, it is necessary to properly manage traffic flow, parking and pedestrian safety. A western entrance will be built leading to a boulevard-type roadway, tying into the existing roadway that encircles the campus. The current entryway in mid-campus will be eliminated and front parking lots will be expanded.

Renovation of Douglas-East Wing: The East Wing is part of the original facility built in 1968. It has provided a location for successful training in welding, electricity, machining, electronics and many other disciplines for 40 years. Plans are to expand current construction programs in size and scope.

Lyceum Renovation/Second Floor Addition: The Golden Triangle campus includes about 82 acres and is land-locked. To expand, some construction must go vertical. EMCC proposes to drop in a slightly lower ceiling in the Lyceum and construct a second floor.

Extension of the Center for Manufacturing Technology Excellence: The CMTE is an advanced technology training center utilized by business and industry to conduct worker training. EMCC plans to extend the facility by 15,000 square feet.

More projects: In the coming years, EMCC also hopes to build tennis courts, replace vehicles, landscape and repaint building interiors.

Columbus Air Force Base

LISTENING IN
A step toward excellence at the Columbus Air Force Base branch is the new "listening" program. It allows the spouses of student pilots from foreign countries to sit in on classes -- but they don't have to take tests or complete homework assignments. The listening program is a way for overseas families to connect with people at their new U.S. duty station. Mayumi Yoshida, left, and Emi Matsuzaki are from Japan; they took several classes as their husbands worked in the pilot training program on base.

CLASSMATES
Kristine Anicetie, Taleesha Rice and Melisa Ybarra meet between classes at Columbus Air Force Base. At far right, instructor Julie Dalrymple passes out an algebra quiz.

BUILDING LEADERS
EMCC's branch at Columbus Air Force Base is housed at the Education Center. Columbus AFB is the home of the 14th Flying Training Wing: "Building the World's Best Warriors, Leaders and Professional Military Pilots."

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CAMPUS LIFE
David Tousley and K.C. Boland arrive for class. Below, a sunny day draws students outside to a picnic area; they are, from left, Jasmine Baker, Sherry Clayton, Taleesha Rice, Ashley Jones, Ashley James and Anthony Horne.

ACADEMICS
East Mississippi Community College instructor Melanie Benson goes over some new material during a General Psychology class at Columbus Air Force Base.

Steps toward excellence ...

East Mississippi Community College has maintained a branch at Columbus Air Force Base since 1972 -- 35 years and counting. In the beginning, class selections were limited. In the late 1980s, EMCC began offering classes yearround,helping students earn associate's degrees

Students attending EMCC classes at Columbus Air Force Base come from both the base and its surrounding community. In fall 2007, the enrollment was 246 students. Of these, 36 percent were active-duty military or military dependants; the other 64 percent were civilian members of the community.

EMCC offers core classes, which students can transfer to four-year institutions. Or, for military students, credits are transferred to the Community College of the Air Force; these students can complete their associate's degrees with EMCC, or pick up where they leftoff at their next duty station.

In fall 2007, EMCC offered 22 full-time classes, six first intensive term and six second intensive term classes at CAFB, for a total of 34. Biology was offered for the first time this year. Classes were held during daytime and evening hours.

Many recent changes at the branch are designed to make students feel more a part of the MCC family. New bulletin boards are going up in the hallways. A small school store stocks items such as pens, binders, pencils and notebooks emblazoned with EMCC logos. In spring 2008, the branch designed its own T-shirt featuring an EMCC/CAFB logo.

The EMCC staff at Columbus Air Force Base lists among its goals for the future: Recruit and retain more students, involve CAFB students in campus-wide activities, offer more classes and keep the education of the students first and foremost in their minds.

Student Melisa Ybarra: "I can see greatness and success for those who come out in the world after their college experience at EMCC. Students emerge with leadership life skills, such as understanding oneself, getting along with others, \ making decisions, managing time, money and people, and working in groups."

Naval Air Station Meridian

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US
Petty Officer 2nd Class Lisa Roudenbush is an air traffic controller at Naval Air Station Meridian -- and a student at the NAS Meridian branch of East Mississippi Community College. Loudenbush has taken liberal arts classes from EMCC for about a year. She hopes to achieve her next step toward excellence, earning an associate's degree, before she leaves for her next duty station.

FIGHTER PILOTS
Naval Air Station Meridian is home to eight commands -- including Training Air Wing One, the Naval Technical Training Center and the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy. Student pilots from the U.S. and abroad train in the T-45C "Goshawk."

RECOGNITION
James McMullan, Dr. Rick Young and Loretta Boswell, all of EMCC, honor the NAS Meridian students of the year, U.S. Navy Chief Howard West and Sgt. Tara Whitfield of the U.S. Marine Corps. Associate's degrees were awarded to 17 students during the June 2007 graduation ceremony.

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A SENSE OF COMMUNITY
James McMullan, director of the NAS Meridian branch, meets with student Danive Sanders, a hospitalman at the base clinic. Sailors from NAS Meridian were Lion supporters off-duty, attending football games and on-campus events. Below, Petty Officer 1st Class Jeremy Thompson, Petty Officer 1st Class Mark Anderson and Petty Officer 1st Class Alton Williams take part in God Bless America Day at the Scooba campus.

NEW CLASS SCHEDULE
James McMullan, director of the NAS Meridian branch of East Mississippi Community College, helps Sgt. Kelvin Thornton register for the fall 2007 semester.

Steps toward excellence ...

EMCC's Naval Air Station Meridian Campus offers classes year-round. Students attending EMCC classes come from both the base and its surrounding community. About 50 percent of the students are active-duty military personnel; the rest are military dependants and civilian members of the community.

Courses offered at Naval Air Station Meridian provide students with the opportunity to obtain associate's degrees and continue at four-year institutions.

Through the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Degree Network System, military students' credits are transferred to other colleges and they are able to pick up where they left off at their next duty station.

The Degree Network System is made up of colleges and universities selected by the military to deliver associate's and bachelor's degree programs to service members and their families. Schools taking part in the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges agree to special conditions that make it possible for military students to complete degrees without losing academic credits when they change duty stations. The system also operates programs for the Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

In fall 2007, EMCC offered 12 first intensive term and 11 second intensive term classes at the Naval Air Station Meridian campus, for a total of 23 classes. Leadership, Nutrition, First Aid and CPR, and Math for Teachers were offered for the first time in the spring. Classes are held in the afternoons and evenings.

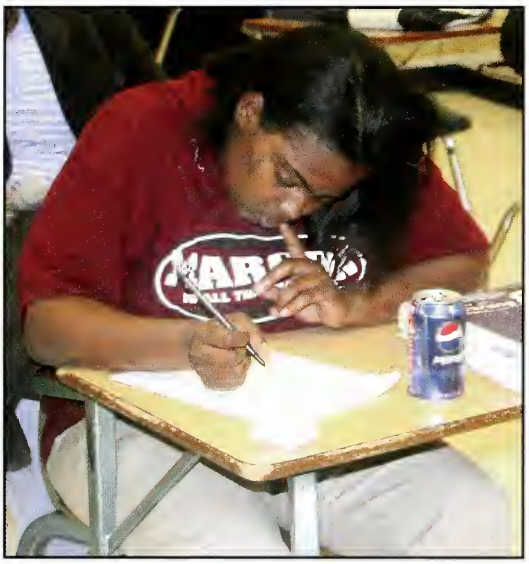
EMCC invited Naval Air Station Meridian to be a part of its family in the fall -- after noticing that sailors and their families were attending on-campus events. Now, active-duty military and their dependants may attend sporting events at East Mississippi College free, simply by presenting valid military IDs at the entrance.

The EMCC staff at Naval Air Station Meridian lists among its goals for the future: Recruitment and retention of more students, involving military students in campus-wide activities and offering a variety of classes to help them meet their educational goals.

Macon

- Noxubee Training Center
- James Arthur Hensleigh Training Center
- Noxubee County High School

HANDS-ON STYLE
At East Mississippi Community College's Macon branch, students have been stepping toward excellence for more than 20 years -- in both academic and career technical classes. The Noxubee Training Center's unique model classrooms give students hands-on experience in basic carpentry and residential electrical wiring. At right, EMCC students Linda Ramsey and Richard Long look on as instructors Terry Jourdan and Sterling Doolittle demonstrate how to shingle a roof.



CONCENTRATION
Student Marilyn Cotton takes notes during a class in General Psychology. At far right, EMCC instructor Terry Jourdan watches as Linda Ramsey works on a house model.

CLASSES
Electrical instructor Billy Whitehead discusses the importance of safety with Robert Mosley. At far right, Tametha Macon focuses on the instructor's lecture during a Biology class.

Contact number for all Macon locations (662) 476-5347

FRIENDSHIP
Annie Gray looks over lecture notes with Latoya Howard. Below, Jennifer Little and Kyesha Smith smile for the camera.

FOCUS
Sheron Wells works hard to make sure she doesn't miss anything the instructor says in her lecture. At far left, EMCC offers classes to Macon students at:

- Noxubee County High School
- Noxubee Training Center
- James Arthur Hensleigh Training Center

Steps toward excellence ...

In the mid 1980s, East Mississippi Community College established its first branch at Macon. The initial program was developed by Dr. James Sansing, Ed Nave and Perry Gaither; the classrooms were located at the Noxubee County Vocational Center. In the beginning, two instructors, Ed Nave and Perry Gaither, offered courses in History and English.

EMCC currently offers a core curriculum of academic courses at Noxubee County High School. Evening classes are available Monday through Thursday in Psychology, English and Biology -- as well as other areas of the core curriculum. The goal of EMCC is to make as many classes as possible available at this location, and make more educational options accessible to students in the area.

In addition to the high school site, EMCC has established the James Arthur Hensleigh Training Center, located behind the Noxubee County Courthouse. This building is a functioning computer lab used by EMCC students studying industry computer training, especially in the field of outdoor technology. But the lab is also open to the public, offering courses in beginning computers, Excel and Word. This facility offers day and evening classes.

Also in Macon is the Noxubee Training Center. This is a workforce training facility in the old Cal-Jac Plant in Macon. At this facility, students get hands-on experience in several workforce areas -- including basic carpentry, finished carpentry and residential electricity training. This facility offers evening classes.

Future steps toward excellence at EMCC's Macon branch: Continue to increase offerings so that students can graduate from EMCC by taking classes only at Macon branch sites; and expand dual enrollment opportunities for local high school students.

West Point

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RIBBON-CUTTING
Mayor Scott Ross of West Point speaks at the ribbon-cutting for East Mississippi Community College's West Point/Clay County Center -- one of the college's most recent steps toward excellence. The ceremony was attended by EMCC staff members and their West Point and Clay County partners. Pictured behind Scott Ross are, from left: Dr. Rick Young, EMCC president; Homer Ivy and Eddie Binder, both of the West Point Public Works Department; Paul McKay, chief administrative officer of West Point; and R.B. Davis, Clay County District 3 supervisor.

FIRST DAY
WCBI-TV reporters interview EMCC President Dr. Rick Young after the ribbon-cutting ceremony in West Point. At far right, Construction Skills student Terrell Jackson works with a saw as instructor Sterling Doolittle looks on.

COOPERATION
Castella Huggins and Convernita Neely work on class project in West Point.

TRUCKING
EMCC instructor Louis Nabors poses with one of EMCC's "big rigs." Due to bridge and roadway construction near Golden Triangle, the Commercial Truck Driving Program has temporarily relocated most of its equipment and instruction to the West Point campus. This relocation has had a positive impact on the community and the program.

ROAD TEST
Trucking students Uyless Ray and Billy Develin listen as instructor Louis Nabors reviews some driving protocols. At left, Reggie Hairston and Steve Loden take a map-reading test.

Steps toward excellence ...

East Mississippi Community College opened two new locations in 2007, renewing and strengthening its commitment to make education more accessible by establishing branch locations in each county of its six-county district -- Kemper Lauderdale, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Lowndes and Clay.

The EMCC West Point/Clay County Center officially opened on Aug. 21, 2007. The new campus was especially meaningful to more than 1,600 workers who lost their jobs when Sara Lee closed its plant in West Point. Many of those workers also took advantage of workforce training classes at the Golden Triangle campus.

The campus in West Point is the result of a collaborative effort among the city of West Point, Clay County and East Mississippi Community College. It began with the signing of an interlocal agreement providing for the renovation of three buildings donated by the Tennessee Valley Authority. The physical work of building the campus is shared among the partners, and additional funding came from the state of Mississippi.

Two buildings have been renovated and specialized classrooms for welding and construction skills have been completed. In addition, EMCC is currently offering Commercial Truck Driving at the West Point campus.

Day and evening classes in these career/technical areas, as well as adult basic education and academics, are being offered. More classes will be added over time, and the development and construction of an administrative facility has begun.

Also in 2007, EMCC opened a branch site in Oktibbeha County. Starting small and making it grow, EMCC provided academic classes at the Maben Public Library in the fall; the Maben branch is currently housed at West Oktibbeha High School.

The college is working with local officials to develop a permanent site in Maben. A collaborative effort between the local government and the college may result in a renovated structure in Maben -- providing easier access to education for local residents while giving EMCC's Construction Skills students hands-on experience.

CAMPUS LIFE

Home away from home

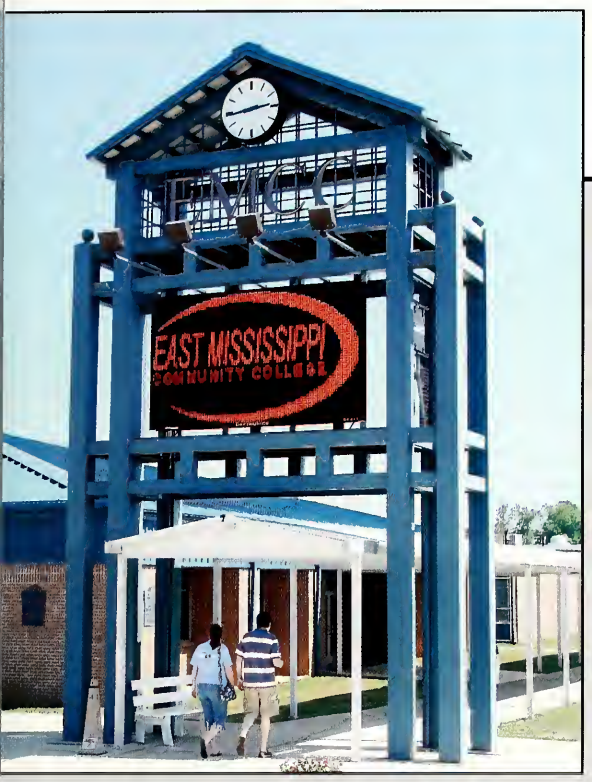
There is never a dull moment at East Mississippi Community College. From patriotic observances, festivals and intramural sports to traditions like Spirit Week, Homecoming and the Beauty and Beau Pageant -- not to mention seasonal celebrations and just hanging out with friends -- there is always something exciting to do.

Tarvarise Giles plays a game of pool at the Student Activities Building in Scooba.

Sasha Bogan, home football game, Scooba

Brittany MacDonald and Debbie Mason, Golden Triangle

Yolanda Hibbler, Funny T-shirt

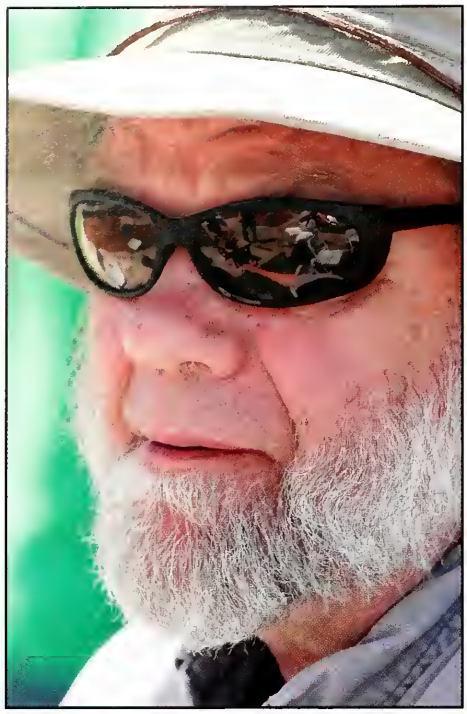


When rain fell in buckets just before the first home game of the football season, and water rose calf-high in the gully between Wallace Hall and the stadium, the guys from Lauderdale Hall ran out into the wild weather whopping and hollering to take part in a Scooba tradition ... football in the floodwaters.

The Marquee at Golden Triangle welcomes both students and visitors.

Antonio Cayson, checking his e-mail, Scooba campus

GOOD TIMES
Katie Moore, center of page, dresses up in an '80s costume during Spirit Week at the Scooba campus. Above, Armand Edwards, Cameron Shumpert and Kendrick Gibson chow down at lunch. At left, art student Yvonne Strong works on a project during a ceramics class.



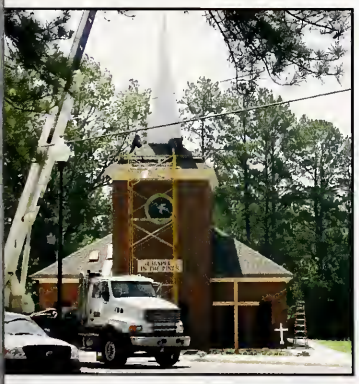
Pine Grove Festival

The 2007 Pine Grove Festival was dedicated to the memory of longtime EMCC art instructor Bill Lauderdale, pictured above, who passed away on Feb. 24, 2007. At right, Coach Kate Neely seems lost in thought as she sits beside one of the art displays.

CREATIVITY
As always, the Pine Grove Festival featured hundreds of original artworks created by students and instructors, live musical and theatre performances, good food and lots of fellowship.

Chapel in the Pines

In may ways, the Chapel in the Pines is the heartbeat of EMCC's Scooba campus -- the site of religious and holiday observances, and the marking of milestones in the lives of students. In December, students completing the Health Care Assistant program gathered for a graduation ceremony. They are, first row from left, Jennifer Brandon, Shatonia Potts and Alexandria Gladney. In the second row are LaToya Julien, Amelia Yates, Dominick Glenn and Cushena Donald. In the third row are Lillian Patty, Denesha Ewell, Whitney Hooks, Veronica Newell, Zundra Jackson, Shatarika Jones, Ciera Barber and LaKeisha Clark.



Raising the chapel steeple ...

Cadarrall Eddings, right, counsels with Michael Page during an FCA meeting.

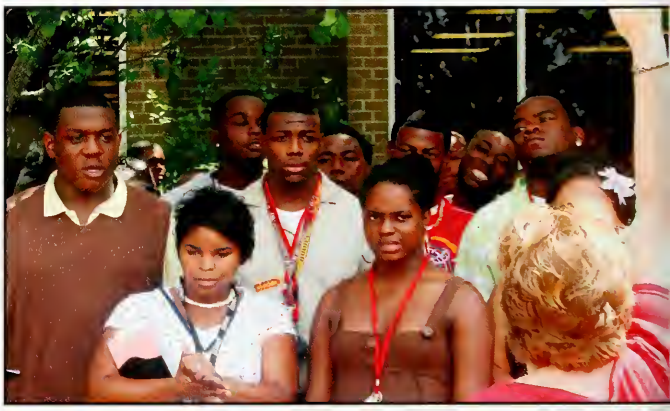
Mary M.Smith, Cadarrall Eddings and Debbie Baker meet at the Chapel in the Pines for Friday prayers.

Chaddrick Smith and Jarvis Taylor bow their heads during a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting.

EMCC alumni tour the chapel during Homecoming.

God Bless America Day

East Mississippi Community College students, faculty and staff gathered Sept. 11 for God Bless America Day, marking the sixth anniversary of 9-11. They were joined by sailors from Naval Air Station Meridian, who talked about how the attack affected them. God Bless America Day, sponsored by the Student Christian Fellowship at EMCC's Scooba campus, is a time to remember those who lost loved ones and pay tribute to members of our armed forces. At right, SCF member Fred Boykins opens the event with a prayer.



REMEMBRANCE
Lonnie Benoman, Lovelillie Cockrell, Lee Turner and LaShaundra Murray hold a banner reading "God Bless America." At right, cafeteria staff members Tammy Thrash and Mary Dunn serve up a dessert.

PATRIOTISM
Director Wendy Smith leads the EMCC Choir in a musical tribute to America; pictured in front are Antonio Lockett, Yolanda Hibbler, Trave Williams and Kirsten Dickerson. In the center of the page, the EMCC Chapel Choir performs; pictured are Jennifer Card, Marion Sam, Jackie Stennis and Lucy Hull.

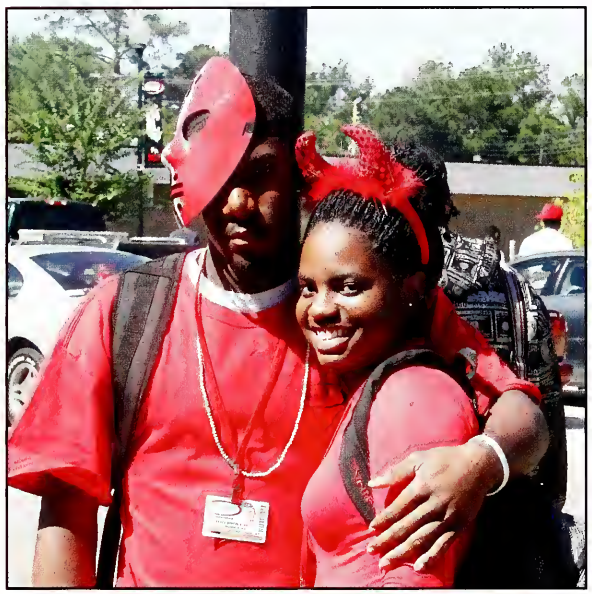
On Nov. 8, EMCC's Golden Triangle campus hosted Proud to be an American Day. Dr. Robert Foglesong, president of Mississippi State University and former commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, delivered the keynote address. Student recruiters took part in the program; pictured from left are Tiffany Wicks, Aimee Scribner, Foglesong, Traci Whitehead, EMCC President Dr. Rick Young, Suzanne Stewart and Brandi Wynn.

Proud to be an American Day

FULL HOUSE
An overflow crowd packed the Lyceum at Golden Triangle for Proud to be an American Day. At left, the JROTC Color Guard from Noxubee County High School presents the U.S. and state flags at the beginning of the program.

Spirit Week 2007

Students and faculty alike get into the spirit before Homecoming weekend with a week of controlled craziness -- including Costume Day, Camouflage Day, Jersey Day and Red-and-Black Day. At right, Lauren Reves and Katrina Zahniser of the Scooba campus dress as rap stars on Costume Day. Below, Areal Bland and Kirsten Dickerson wear matching outfits on Red-and-Black Day.



HOMECOMING Crystal Craven, Kim Furler, Leigh Keeton and Yvette Pippins chat during a Homecoming gathering at the Golden Triangle campus. At far right, Diamond Benoman, Kayla Brown, Ashley Clark, Shandrika Gunter and Tiara Jethrow pose for the camera on Red-and-Black Day in Scooba.

COSTUME DAY
Danielle Kelly dresses as a bank robber from the movie "Dead Presidents" on Costume Day -- which also found Reva Brown and Victoria Hill, center of page, rockin' it out between classes.

CAMO DAY
Coaches Casse Carpenter, Marcille McLendon and Kate Neely get in on the act during Camouflage Day at the Scooba campus.

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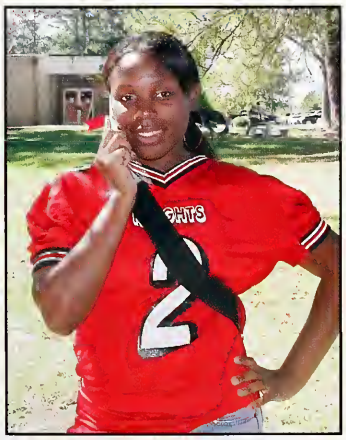


DeQuisha Key

Brittany Alexander

Homecoming 2007

On a picture-perfect fall day, alumni, students, faculty and staff gathered in Scooba for a day of food, football, Homecoming royalty, awards, catching up, campus tours, memorial services, EMCC's 80th birthday party and a reception hosted by EMCC president Dr. Rick Young.

No. 87 Charlie Fall holds the ball as No. 88 Chandler Brooks collects an extra point. At far right, Distinguished Service Award winner Johnny Fisher speaks at the alumni luncheon.

SAFE PASSAGE

No. 4 LeGarrette Blount, above, takes a hand-off from quarterback Jare Gault as the Lions' offensive line holds off tacklers.

HALL OF FAME

New members of the EMCC Sports Hall of Fame pose at center field. Inducted in 2007 were "Speedy Gail" Rolison, Charles "Bulldog" Coggins, A.L. Courtney, David Bradberry, Billy Charles Eskridge, Chris Holbrook, Garry Hughes, Ronald Marion, Joe Rowell and Matthew "Bud" Turner.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Charlie Box, center, accepts the Alumnus of the Year Award during halftime from Nick Clark, EMCC director of development; standing at right is Box's wife, Kay.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS
Robin Gray, marching band director, performs at the alumni luncheon as a member of the EMCC Jazz Band. In the center of the page, Korean War veterans gather at Homecoming for an annual memorial service.

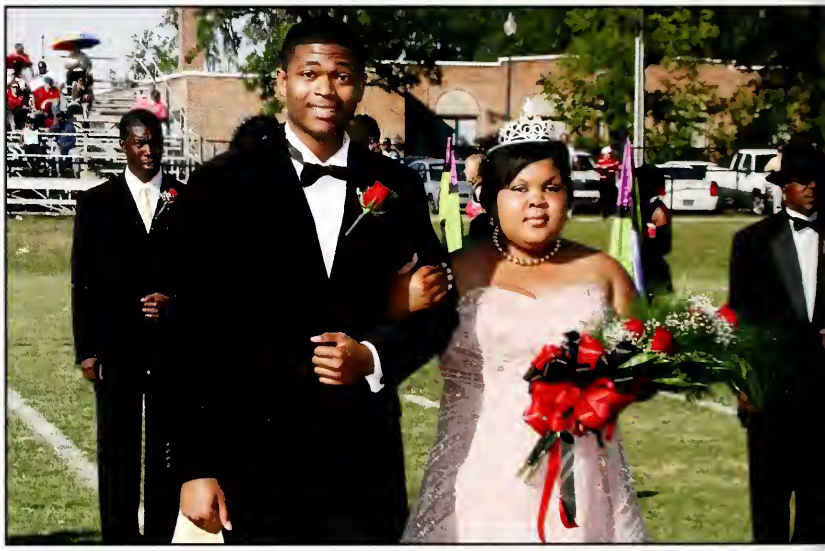
OLD TIMES
New Hall of Famers "Speedy Gail" Rolison and Ronald Marion swap stories at a reception in their honor. Below, Emmittean and John Dickerson enjoy luncheon at Keyes Currie Coliseum.

MEMORIES
Melinda Sciple poses with a cake baked by her sister for EMCC's 80th birthday. At far left, freshman maid Ashley Ash and her escort, Lonnie Benamon, prepare to lead the Homecoming Court onto the field at halftime.

SPECIAL GUESTS
Tammy Thrash, Alice Kingry and Jessica McDaniel get the buffet line ready for luncheon. At far left, sophomore Brandon Briggs chauffeurs alumni around the campus in a golf cart.

Homecoming Court

Homecoming Queen
Emily Ann Foy



Top
Emily Foy, center, is crowned Homecoming Queen on Oct. 13 during halftime of EMCC's match-up with Coahoma Community College. She is shown with Dr. Jackie Stennis, left, vice president of the Scooba campus, and Dr. Rick Young, EMCC president.

Center
EMCC Homecoming Court 2007. See page 25 for names.

Bottom
Emily Foy and her Homecoming escort, Demetrius Foy, greet the crowd at Sullivan-Windham Stadium.

Ashley Ash, freshman maid

Ashley Clark, sophomore maid

Kim Duke, sophomore maid

Ashley Helms, sophomore maid

Victoria Hill, freshman maid

Tiara Jethrow, sophomore maid

Stephanie Pounders, freshman maid

Jamie VanDevender, freshman maid

Tiffany Wicks, sophomore maid

Beneshia Williams, freshman maid

Intramural Sports

Intramural sports run all year -- from volleyball, flag football and spades to pool, basketball and ping-pong. At right, Meashawn Brand runs down Trave Williams during a game of flag football.

Jacob McGregor

Antwon Branson

WINTER SPORTS
Volleyball enthusiasts pose for a photo. They are, first row from left, Katie Warren and Erica Warnat; in the second row are Trey Triplett, Matt Witbeck and Adam Lollar. At far right are ping-pong players Kendal Halbert and Christopher Williams.

INDOOR PURSUITS
Lonice Hill,Keisha McCloud, Danielle Kelly and Brittany Barry play UNO at the Student Activities Building. At far right, Dustin Carter lines up a pool shot.

BIG SCORE
Rufus Nunn, left, and Lance Hendrix celebrate a winning touchdown.

COMPETITION
Lacey Mangrum tries to elude a tackler during a game of flag football. In the center of the page, Charles Middleton finishes a run as tacklers Kendrick Gibson and Dustin Carter look on. Below, Jeremy Wyke and Maurice Bradley take a break from studying for a little lawn-bowling.

RUN FOR IT
Devon McKnight goes after runner Andreekous Jefferson's flags. At far left, Trey Triplett grabs the football and makes a post-whistle break for it.

Beauty & Beau 2007

Brandi Wynn, center, was crowned "Most Beautiful" in EMCC's Beauty and Beau pageant -- an EMCC tradition held each year in November at Stennis Auditorium in Scooba. Wynn is shown with the other contestants who placed in the top five. They are, from left, Renee Connor, Nikki Brasher, Kim Arledge and Jamera McDonald.

IN THE WINGS
Contestants wait backstage for the Beauty and Beau pageant to begin. Shown above is Shawntell Triplett; at right is Tamarie Phillips and supporter Thea Bankhead.

LION BEAUS
East Mississippi Community College's 2007 Beaus are, from left: Jeremy Owen and Quincy Brandon, both freshmen at the Golden Triangle campus; and Alex Mayfield, a freshman at the Scooba campus.

Quincy Brandon
Carrie Ring
Miosha Pharr
Kelsey Prevatt

COUNTDOWN
Pageant consultant Marle Murphy gives EMCC beauties some last-minute tips before the pageant begins. Below, Karen Thead and Deanna Thead entertain the audience.

STAGE PRESENCE
Jamera McDonald, Monica Sykes and Carrie Ring rehearse before the show. At left, Heather Cummings, Miosha Pharr, Andrea Foote, Shawntell Triplett and Jamera McDonald hit their marks onstage as the judges deliberate.

Heather Cummings and Andrea Foote

Monica Sykes

Beauty & Beau Pageant

Most Beautiful Brandi Wynn

Top
Dr. Rick Young congratulates Brandi Wynn, an EMCC sophomore, as she is crowned "Most Beautiful" during the annual Beauty and Beau Pageant.

Center
Brandi Wynn, chosen "Most Beautiful" in the Beauty and Beau Pageant, appears in the Columbus Christmas parade with Homecoming Queen Emily Foy.

Bottom
Brandi Wynn poses with Michael Black, EMCC's recruiting coordinator, during th Columbus Christmas parade.

PAGEANT COMMITTEE
The members of the Beauty and Beau Pageant committee are, first row from left, Patricia Calloway, Linda Farrar, Linda Bouler, Kate Neely and Marcille McLendon. In the back row are Kelly Cantrell, Paul Miller, Debbie Coker, Jay Johnson, Terry Cherry, Rodney Woodards, Larry Gibson and John Weatherford.

TOP TEN BEAUTIES
Brandi Wynn of West Point is crowned "Most Beautiful" in East Mississippi Community College's annual Beauty and Beau Pageant. Wynn, a sophomore at EMCC's Golden Triangle campus, is pictured with the other Top 10 winners. They are, first row from left, freshman Jamera McDonald, freshman Shawntell Triplett, freshman Monica Sykes and freshman Whitney Junkin. In the second row are freshman Renee Connor, freshman Nikki Brasher, freshman Stephanie Pounders, Most Beautiful winner Brandi Wynn, freshman Jessica Stokes and freshman Kimberly Arledge.

Christmas Spirit

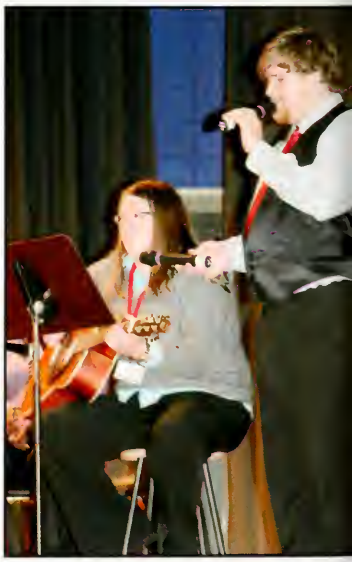
EMCC students are everywhere during the holiday season, sharing their Christmas spirit both on campus and in their communities. At right, the Student Recruiters from Golden Triangle take part in the Columbus Christmas parade. They are, front row from left, Suzanne Stewart and Traci Whitehead; directly behind them is Andrew Arnett. In the back row are Casey Rowe, Alana Champion, Aimee Scribner, Brandi Wynn, Hanna Miles, Kathryn Long and Michael Black, recruiting coordinator.

ALL SMILES
Alisha Hogan, Brittney Jefferson, Lonice Hill, Mary Smith and Danielle Kelly pose after the Christmas parade in Macon. At far right, Kirsten Dickerson, Wiley Saul and Katralya Manigo get in costume for a performance at the Chapel in the Pines.

Debbie Baker as Mrs. Claus

Katralya Manigo, Tamarie Phillips and Kirsten Dickerson perform at the Chapel in the Pines.

Ashlea Duncan sings a duet with Daniel Rushing during the EMCC Christmas concert.



CHRISTMAS WITH THE KIDS
Students hosted Christmas with the Kids in December -- an EMCC tradition. In the front row, from left, are Debbie Stuart, Lee Turner, Fred Boykins, Arnisha Boyd, Yolanda Hibbler, Lonice Hill, Shawntell Triplett, Roshondra Cooper, Tashia Jennings and Corey Haynes. The back row includes Dominick Gill, Marques Creer, Trave Williams, Allen Rattler, Wiley Saul and Brittany Alexander.

PARADES
Golden Triangle instructor Marilyn Lantz poses at the Columbus Christmas parade with Aimee Scribner and Alana Champion. At far left, Ashley Martin, Asia Thomas and Kirsten Walker after the Macon parade.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Katralya Manigo and Armand Edwards take the stage in "Dullsville," presented by EMCC theatre students. At far left, Brittany Alexander, Dallas Smith and Trave Williams of the Musical Theatre Workshop perform at Kemper County High School.

Fred Boykins plays Jack Frost at Christmas with the Kids.

Christian Trussell and Brittany Barry perform with the Musical Theatre Workshop at Kemper County High School.

Stephen Phillips as a reindeer during Christmas with the Kids.

Mr. & Miss EMCC

Golden Triangle

Tiffany Wicks and James Kevin Towery were chosen as Mr. and Miss EMCC for the Golden Triangle campus.

Tiffany Wicks, an elementary education major, is from West Point, Miss. She is the daughter of Donnell and Sheryl Wicks. While attending EMCC, she served as secretary of the SGA and was an EMCC Student Ambassador. She was also one of EMCC's Sophomore Homecoming Maids.

James Kevin Towery, a computer networking technologies major, is from Columbus, Miss. He is the son of James and Brenda Towery. While attending EMCC, he served as president of SGA, student chapter president of the Association of Information Technology Professionals, and is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa.

He also served as a Columbus-Lowndes Recreational Authority Baseball Umpire and was included in EMCC's Who's Who Among American Community College Students.

"Being in a community college setting, everyone is accessible from the president all the way down. The faculty and staff at EMCC's GT campus really care about each and every one of their students and want them to succeed. This type of family atmosphere has helped me to succeed in my chosen path and has helped me to become a better person."

Kevin Towery
Mr. EMCC

"Attending EMCC has been a very good experience. The teachers here offered personal guidance that you don't find at many other schools. I met a lot of great people here and built many strong friendships. I hate that I have to leave in the fall because I know I will never find another school like EMCC."

Tiffany Wicks
Miss EMCC

Mr. & Miss EMCC

Scooba

Jorga Edmonds and Brandon Briggs were chosen as Mr. and Miss EMCC for the Scooba campus.

Jorga, a nursing major, is from Sturgis, Miss. She is the daughter of George Edmonds and Buddy and Judy Johnson. While attending EMCC, she was a member of the Lady Lions softball team, participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was included on the Dean's List.

Brandon Briggs, a surveying major, is from Porterville, Miss. He is the son of Gregg and Janet Briggs. While attending EMCC, he was included in EMCC's Who's Who Among American Community College Students, and he was on the EMCC Lions Baseball team.

"While at EMCC, I have enjoyed the small classes and friendly staff, but most of all, I liked being able to live on my own. Being able to play softball has given me a lot of opportunities to meet a lot of great people. Leaving in the spring will mean starting over, but I will not forget the two years spent at EMCC."

Jorga Edmonds
Miss EMCC

"Being at EMCC the last couple of years has allowed me to be involved and have fun while providing a solid foundation for my college career. The closeness of the teachers, coaches and students has helped me understand why students say that Scooba Tech is a family!"

Brandon Briggs
Mr. EMCC

Class favorites

Kayla Brown
Freshman
Scooba

Hometown: Meridian
Parent:
Deborah Brown
Major: Nursing

Cody Brownlee
Freshman
Scooba

Hometown: Nettleton
Parents:
Robert & Vickie Brownlee
Major: Education

Laura Cravey
Sophomore
Golden Triangle

Hometown: Caledonia
Parents:
Tim & Frances Cravey
Major: Computer
Networking Technology

Justin Head
Sophomore
Golden Triangle

Hometown: Starkville
Parents:
Jeff & Charlotte Guyton
Major: Computer
Networking Technology

Adam Lollar
Sophomore
Scooba

Hometown: Columbus
Parents:
Mike & Gwen Lollar
Major: Criminal Justice

Alex Mayfield
Freshman
Scooba

Hometown: Aliceville
Parents:
George & Andrea Mayfield
and Ginger & Byron Spiller
Major: Agricultural Science

Katie Moore
Sophomore
Scooba

Hometown: Macon
Parents:
Buddy & Lisa Moore
Major: Nursing

Class favorites

Stephanie Powers
Freshman
Golden Triangle

Hometown: Vicksburg
Parent:
Vicki Powers
Major: Hotel & Restaurant Management

Jessica Stokes
Freshman
Scooba

Hometown: Macon
Parents:
Mickey & Susan Stokes
Major: Occupational Therapy

Lee Turner
Sophomore
Scooba

Hometown: Macon
Parent:
Mary Louise Turner
Major: Secondary Education

Brandy Walden
Sophomore
Scooba

Hometown: Porterville
Parents:
Tommy & Vivian Walden
Major: Math Education

Justin Walker
Freshman
Golden Triangle

Hometown: Macon
Parents:
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Walker
Major: Land Surveying

Kiresten Walker
Sophomore
Scooba

Hometown: Columbus
Parents:
Eddie & Chrystal Newman
Major: Elementary Education

Chris Wilson
Sophomore
Scooba

Hometown: Columbus
Parents:
Larry & Melinda Wilson
Major: General Business

Who's Who Among America's

Selections to Who's Who Among Students in America's Community Colleges are made in the fall. Who's Who is a highly regarded honor reserved for outstanding second-year college students. In general, students are recognized at graduation ceremonies and at convocation in the spring.

Hilda Austin
Golden Triangle

Wes Blondin
Golden Triangle

Michelle Both
Golden Triangle

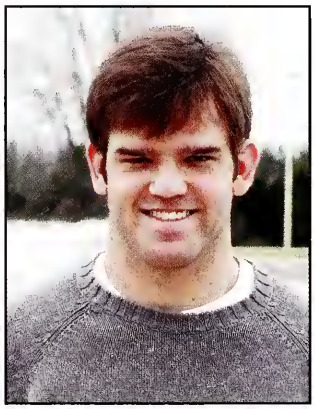
Brandon Briggs
Scooba

Jacob Briggs
Golden Triangle

Amy Bright
Golden Triangle

Laura Cravey
Golden Triangle

Teeache Cunningham
Golden Triangle



George Duke
Golden Triangle

Lacie Golson
Golden Triangle

Terasa Halterman
Golden Triangle

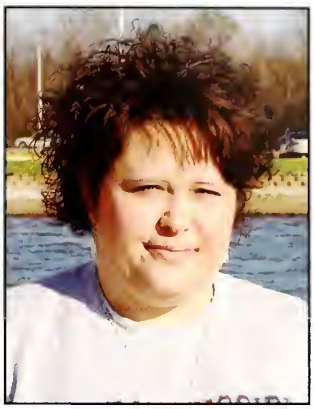
Wanda Jones
Scooba

Katie Kelleher
Scooba

Tomarcus Kidd
Golden Triangle

Community College Students

Sarah Kilpatrick
Golden Triangle

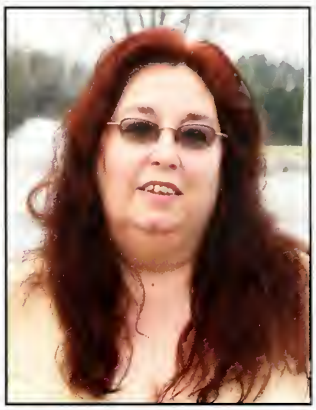


Michelle Lawton
Golden Triangle

Michael Lee
Scooba

Walter Mitchell
Golden Triangle

Katie Moore
Scooba



Kathy Petty
Golden Triangle

Kelsey Prevatt
Scooba

Bridgette Prisock
Golden Triangle

Allen Rattler
Scooba

Johnny Reed
Scooba

Josh Rigdon
Scooba

Porchia Robertson
Scooba

Who's Who Among America's Community College Students

Marsha Roeland
Scooba

Genese Shanks
Golden Triangle

Suzanne Stewart
Golden Triangle

Carol Toney
Scooba

Kevin Towery
Golden Triangle

Laura Trenor
Golden Triangle

David Trosclair
Scooba

Anthony Vaughn
Golden Triangle

Brandy Walden
Scooba

Erica Warnat
Scooba

Not pictured, Scooba:
Nicholas Becton
Johnathan Dancer
Karaneisha Green
Ashley Helms
Scott Jackson
Corey Jennings
Bradford Joiner
Arequetta Kelley
Kristie Owens

Felicia Watkins
Golden Triangle

Chris Wilson
Scooba

Not pictured,
Golden Triangle:
Matthew Boyles
Ethalrean Brown
Evelyn Collins
Cal Henderson
Lindsey Trenor

Not pictured,
Columbus Air
Force Base:
Tabatha Caples
Edwin Fields
Teresa Hulen

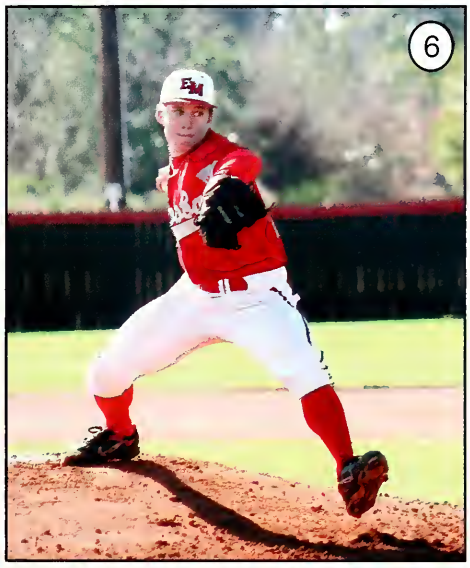
1. Cameron Ezell, Tristan McGowan and Cataurius Taylor show their support for Lions' football at the Northeast game.

2. Catcher Ashlyn Grossie during a spring practice.

3. LaVan Baskin of Scooba, getting a touch-up to his makeup, prepares for one of his scenes in "Dullsville."

4. Arael Bland performs with Music Theatre Workshop at Kemper County High School.

5. Dr. Rick Young, Dr. Jackie Stennis, and Paul Miller celebrate East Mississippi Community College's 80th birthday.



6. Golden Grasse, a pitcher for the EMCC Lions' baseball team, gets ready to strike out an opponent.

7. Matt Yarbrough stops to pose for a photo at the Golden Triangle campus.

8. Brittion Smith of Scooba studies for one of his classes.

9. Kiresten Walker of Scooba, backstage at "Dullsville."

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1. Brandi Aust , Scooba campus

2. Johnny Lucas, Jerrel McCallum and Larry Bourrage, Scooba campus

3. Lartika Cunningham, Scooba campus

4. Wade Armstrong, Golden Triangle campus

5. Joshua Collins, Scooba campus

6. Suzanne Stewart, Wes Blondin and Bridgette Prisock, Golden Triangle campus

7. David Trosclair, Scooba campus

8. Breachlor Richardson, Scooba campus

9. Simone McGraw, Gwen Grace and Porchia Robertson, Scooba campus

10. Typical dorm fridge, Scooba campus

11. Keoka Goodwin, Scooba campus

12. Harry Jenkins, Golden Triangle campus

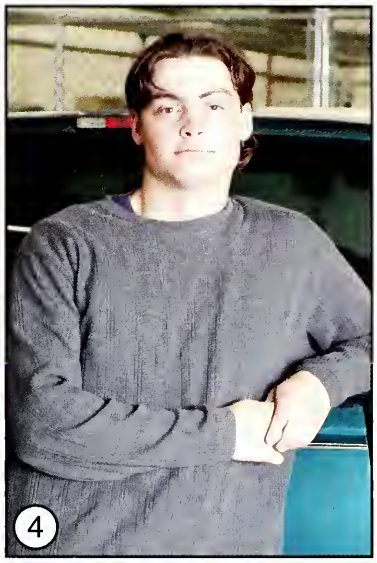
13. Dr. Jackie Hale, Golden Triangle campus

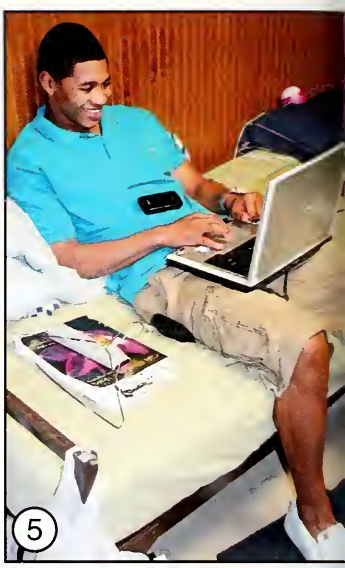
14. Tammy Sandifer, Scooba campus

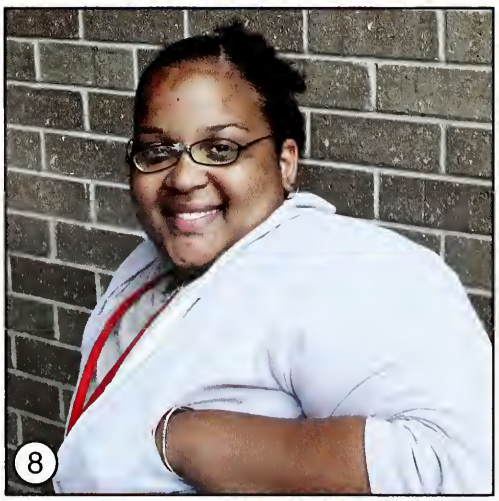
15. Sharon Thompson and Morgan Goodrich, Scooba campus

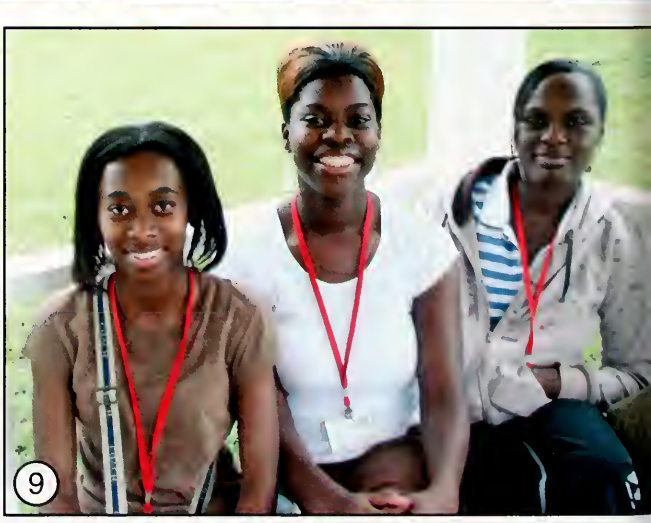
16. WyKishia Burton, Scooba campus

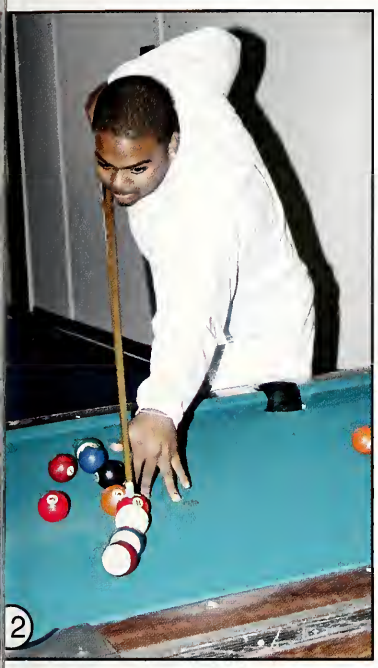
17. Shaneidra Samuels, Golden Triangle campus

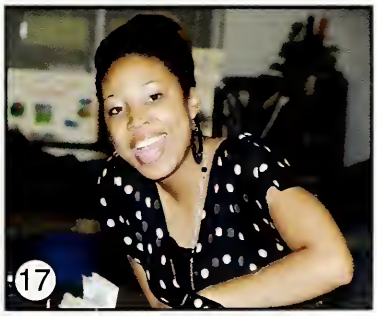












ORGANIZATIONS

Getting involved!

EMCC students take education to the next step -- applying classroom learning to real life in organizations dedicated to a wide range of personal and professional interests. And many use their talents to reach out to members of communities outside the college gates.

The EMCC Jazz Band rehearses in February for an upcoming performance. In the front row are Ashlea Duncan, Nicholas Becton and Cooper McClain; behind them are Eric Long and Andrew Alford. Thomas Johnson is on drums, Daniel Rushing on guitar.

Drafting and Design Club members Jason Sanders, Kevin Crittendon, sponsor Bill Gavin and Bradley Moore examine a floor joist.

Phi Beta Lamba sponsor Trina Dendy, Marquita Coleman and Yolanda Wofford display candy-filled pumpkins for a raffle.

The Lions Pride drum line arrives at the West Lauderdale Marching Classic.

Fred Boykins, a staff member of The Lion, works on a yearbook page.

LaVan Baskin celebrates a touchdown as the Lions score against Holmes.

Work study students Lakendrick Rush and Jasmine Baker of the Columbus Air Force Base branch help get the word out about EMCC during an enrollment drive at Leigh Mall. The sign behind them reads, "Did you know? EMCC is @ CAFB."

VOLUNTEERISM
Phi Beta Lambda members at Golden Triangle, left, display food and home supplies donated by students for EMCC's 8th Annual Sally Kate Winters Children's Home Food Drive. They are, front row from left, Abby Lewis and Yolanda Wofford; in the second row are Alexis Collins, Tabatha Chandler, Hannah Reeves, Deborah Brown and Shana McKie. Above, members of the Art Club in Scooba painted a mural at East Kemper Elementary School on "Make a Difference Day." They are, first row from left, Whitney Love, Heather Boatner, DeVita Jones, Stormi Steele and Armand Edwards. In the second row are Measwawn Brand, Brittion Smith and Joshua Williams.

Amateur Radio Club

The members of the Amateur Radio Club -- also called the Ham Radio Club -- at EMCC's Golden Triangle campus include, from left, instructor Bob Lovelace, Gene Sherrod, Tracy Bevill (seated), Trey Pickle, Trey Frayser, Drew Coker, Wesley Dunnam, Casey Anglin (seated).

Association of Information Technology Professionals

The Association of Information Technology Professionals at EMCC's Golden Triangle campus promotes better understanding of the sound principles of data processing. Its members include, seated from left, Anthony Vaughn, Jared Woodall, Kevin Towery, Justin Head and Laura Cravey. Standing are instructor Sandra Coleman, Ben Smith, Cameron Echols, James Ramshur Jr., John Knighten, instructor Jean Gregg and instructor Brandon Sesser.

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LONG DISTANCE COMMUNICATION
Jamal Fowler of the Ham Radio Club, KE5HJS, tunes in the world from the Golden Triangle campus. The club was established to help students in their study of electronics and world geography. Members communicate with other ham operators from as far north as Alaska, as far west as California, as far to the southeast as Florida, and as far to the northeast to Maine. Ham radio is valuable for casual conversation, as well as emergency communication when natural disasters strike.

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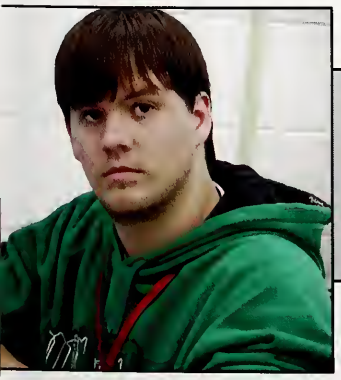
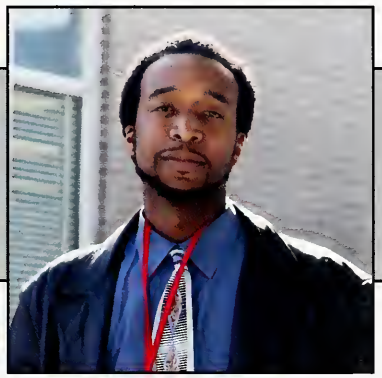
ORGS

American Drafting & Design Association

The American Drafting & Design Association is a professional organization for engineers, architects and drafting technicians. It provides testing and accreditation for professionals in the drafting and CAD industries. The ADDA also provides training and continuing education in all related areas of drafting. The EMCC chapter was organized in 2006; its members at the Golden Triangle campus include, from left, Demarcus Pope, Coty Smith, Haley Robertson, Bradley Moore, Jason Sanders, Chris Brownlee, instructor Bill Gavin, Kevin Crittenden and Quintel Bush.





Left to right:
Bradley Moore
Brittney Jolly
Catterika Lashley and Whitney Henley
Chris Brownlee
Belinda House
Jason "J.D." Dean

Lions Pride Marching Band

The biggest band...ever

The Lions Pride Band started the year bold and strong. Playing fast, energetic, upbeat music from the "The Blues Brothers" movies during halftime at football games, the 65-member marching band also performed for parades, basketball games and other school activities. The band continues to grow and bring a lot of spirit to the school. This year's band was the biggest in EMCC history, and the jazz band has become one of the most requested performing groups on campus.

HIGH ENERGY
Yolanda Hibbler, right, Jack Leist and Charles Sims lead the trumpets on the 50-yard line. Below left, Andreekous Jefferson, Jack Leist and Roshondra Cooper play "Soul Man" at Homecoming. Below right, the woodwind and brass sections form a pinwheel.

Robin Gray
Band director

Ashlea Duncan
Drum major

Band managers
Katralya Manigo
Jeremy Evans

Section leaders
Ashlea Duncan
Charles Sims
Daniel Rushing
Thomas Johnson
Corey Haynes, co-captain

Cary Eldridge
Jazz band director

LaVan Baskin

Kiresten Walker and
Ashley Martin

Charles Sims

arques Creer, left, and Nicholas Becton practice before
MCC's game against Mississippi Delta Community College.

LaShaundra Murray smiles for the camera during the West Lauderdale Marching Classic band competition.

BAND FANS
Miranda Minor and Kayla Brown, above left, flash peace signs at EMCC's game with Holmes Community College. Above, Arael Bland on the practice field.

BEFORE THE GAME

Eric Long, right, laughs at a joke on the band bus. Far right, Andrew Alford "wears many hats" on his way to the West Lauderdale Marching Classic. At bottom left, Wiley Saul, Corey Haynes, Thomas Johnson and Willie Jones get ready for halftime. At bottom right, Jacob Fedrick and Daniel Rushing get in tune.

RAINY ARRIVAL

Yolanda Hibbler, right, Cooper McClain and Dominick Gill march to the football stands at Mississippi Delta. At far right, Jack Leist, Charles Sims, Dominick Gill and the EMCC Jazz Band perform for alumni during Homecoming.

EMCC JAZZ BAND

The EMCC Jazz Band was established two years ago. Students in the Jazz Band have a passion not only for jazz, but for all styles of music. Its members are, first row from left, Shawntell Triplett, Nicholas Becton, Cooper McClain and Yolanda Hibbler. In the second row are Ashlea Duncan, Eric Long, Andrew Alford and Thomas Johnson. In the third row are Dallas Smith, Jack Leist, Charles Sims, Dominick Gill and Daniel Rushing. Not pictured is Marques Creer.

Lions Pride
Marching Band

Sections

WOODWINDS
The woodwind section includes, first row from left, Alisha Hogan, Lonice Hill and Danielle Kelly. In the second row are Nicholas Becton, Kiresten Walker, Ashley Martin, Miranda Minor and Ashley Silas. In the third row are Cooper McClain, Brittney Jefferson, Marques Creer, Courtney Moore, Mary Smith and Ashlea Duncan. Not pictured are Roshandra Cooper, Brittany Barry, Alisha Hogan, Kayla Brown and Jasmine Abrams.

PERCUSSION
The percussion section includes, front row from left, Tierre Wallace, LaVan Baskin, Shawntell Triplett, LaShaundra Murray and Thomas Johnson. In the back row are Willie Jones, Corey Haynes, Wiley Saul and Arael Bland. Not pictured is Kenneth Rush.

BRASS
The brass section includes, front row from left, Andrew Alford, Asia Thomas, Yolanda Hibbler and Brittany Mallory. In the back row are Cameron Shumpert, Eric Long, Dominick Gill, Andreekous Jefferson, Charles Sims and Daniel Rushing. Not pictured are Jacob Fedrick, Jack Leist and Dallas Smith.

COLOR GUARD
The members of the color guard are, left to right, Danielle Kelly, Ashley Silas, Brittney Jefferson, Miranda Minor and Alisha Hogan. Not pictured are Mary Smith, Lonice Hill and Brittany Mallory.

See you at the pole ...

Students, faculty and staff gathered at the flagpole in front of the Davis Building on Sept. 26 for See You at the Pole, part of a simultaneous prayer at school campuses all over the country. The annual event allows people to come together to pray for their schools, friends, teachers, government and nation. It is sponsored by the Student Christian Fellowship.

The EMCC family gathers in the early morning for See You at the Pole. They are, from left, Debbie Baker, Michael Lee, Shawn Schoppert, Tanzie Brown and Andrew Alford. Below, Fred Boykins, event chairman, leads the group in prayer.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

EMCC's Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at the Chapel in the Pines -- and each meeting draws more than 100 athletes and coaches united in worship. The faces change from gathering to gathering, but the commitment doesn't. The faces on this page and the next are from a standing-room-only meeting in October.

Student Christian Fellowship

he members and advisers of the Student Christian Fellowship at EMCC's Scooba campus are, first row from left, Chuck Luke, Tanzie rown, Charlotte Swearingen, Edgar Hernandez, Catherine Penick, Mary M. Smith, Tammy Parkes and Marianne Stuart. In the second ow are Porchia Robertson, Shawn Schoppert, Daniel Rushing, Lonice Hill, Antonio Franklin, Demetria Mosley, Antwon Branson, arques Creer and Allen Rattler. In the third row are Johnny Reed, David Trosclair, Lacosha Waites, Mary Smith, Sasha Bogan, Arnisha oyd, Katralya Manigo, Shawntell Triplett and Jesse Conner.

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anitra Bush, left, Marrieyanna hames and Victoria Hill bow heir heads. Above, Cadarrall ddings leads the group in rayer. At right, Mary Smith nd Brooke Quinn listen o the evening's message.

EMCC Dance team

NEW SQUAD
It's been more than 20 years since EMCC sponsored a dance team at its Scooba campus, but the program is back under the leadership of coach Danielle McDade. The members of the 2007-08 squad are, kneeling, Diamond Benoman; standing in the center of the formation are, from left, Ashley Clark, Kirsten Dickerson and Darneshia Dismukes. Clockwise from bottom left are Katie Warren, captain Gertrica Harris, Kenyata Blair, Brittany Alexander, Tiara Jethrow, Lauren Reves, captain Lashundra Moore, Shandrika Gunter, DeQuisha Key, Brittany Jenkins and Angelique Harkley.

HALFTIME
At right, Kenyata Blair, Katie Harris, Kirsten Dickerson and Shandrika Gunter jazz it up at Homecoming. At far right, Katie Harris and Lauren Reves pose for a photograph.

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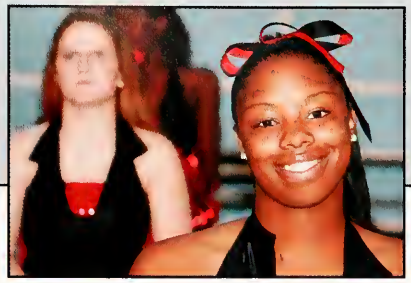
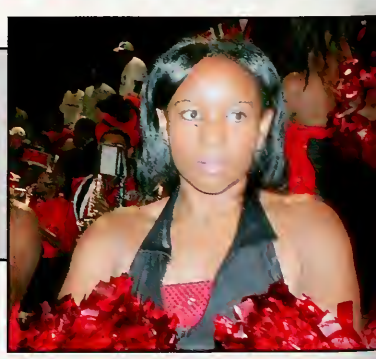
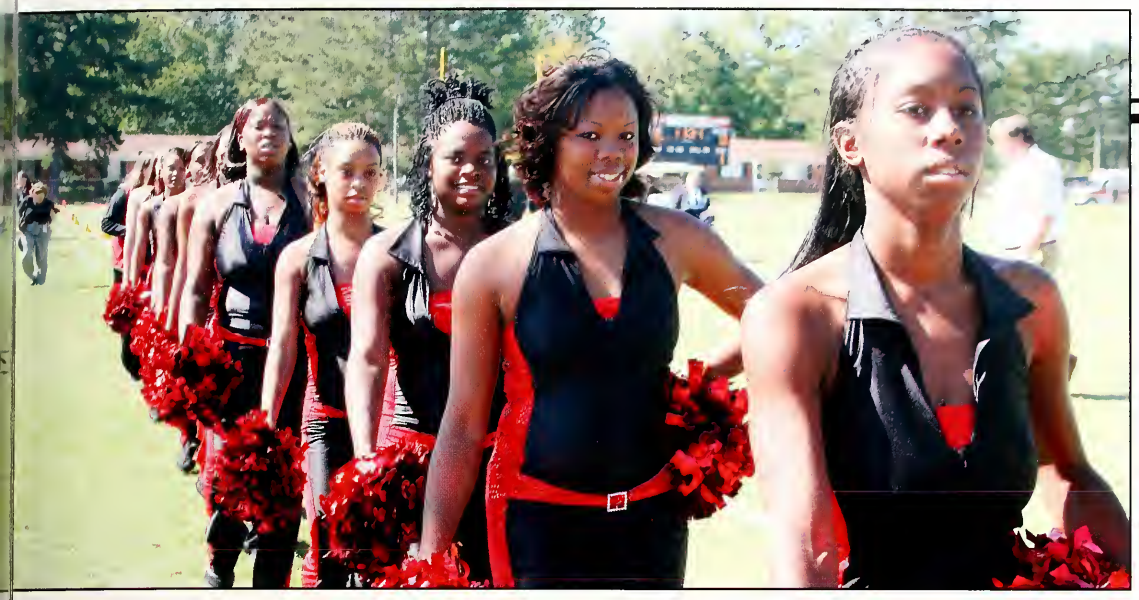
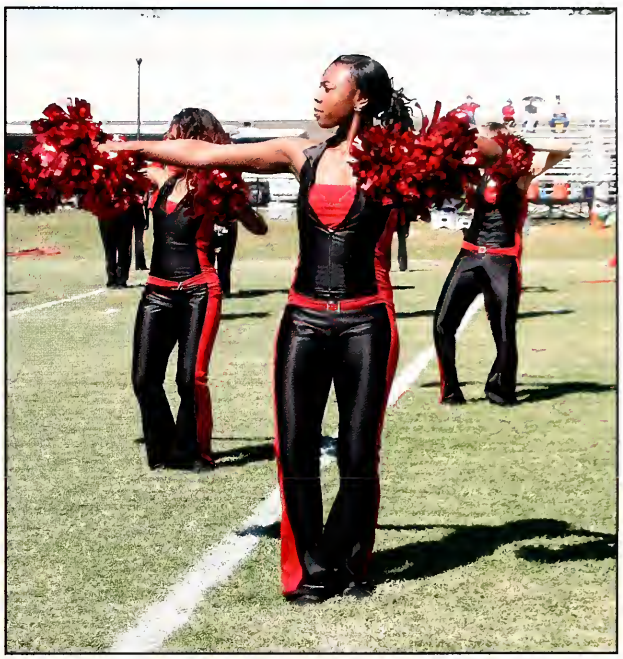


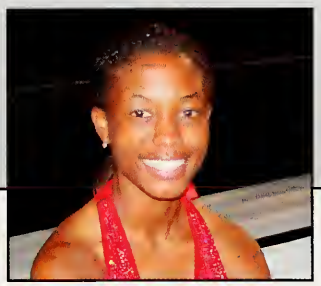




PERFORMANCE
At left, Darneshia Dismukes, Shandrika Gunter, Kirsten Dickerson, Brittany Jenkins, Brittany Alexander and the rest of the squad leave the field. At center left, Lashundra Moore, DeQuisha Key, Tiara Jethrow and Shandrika Gunter visit after a game. Below, captain Gertrica Harris leads the squad during a dance routine.



SPIRIT
Brittany Jenkins, left, and DeQuisha Key cheer on the Lions. At far left, the dance team poses before taking the field with the band at halftime.



Left to right:
Shandrika Gunter
Ashley Clark
Captain Lashundra Moore
Tiara Jethrow
Angelique Harkley
Kenyata Blair and
Darneshia Dismukes

Delta Epsilon Chi

The three chapters of Delta Epsilon Chi at East Mississippi Community College's Golden Triangle campus are open to students preparing for a variety of careers. They maintain a strong focus on business-related areas such as marketing and entrepreneurship.

The mission of Delta Epsilon Chi is to serve its diverse international membership as a professional organization, providing leadership and career opportunities to tomorrow's leaders.

Two members of the Hotel and Restaurant Management chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi, Nita Terry and Jenny Finch, create a flower arrangement for an upcoming event.

Hotel and Restaurant Management

The members of Delta Epsilon Chi's Hotel and Restaurant Management chapter are, front row from left, Arsenia Glover, Denise Jenkins, Linda Bowens, Willie A. Henderson and Jenny Finch. In the back row are Michael Bourke, Danielle Steffin, Jennifer Dempsey, Stephanie Powers, Barbara Lathan, Nita Terry, Dianna Ybarra, Artashia Holmes and Dr. Linda Farrar, instructor.

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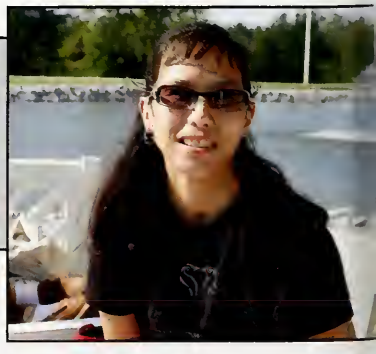


Marketing

The members of Delta Epsilon Chi's Marketing chapter are, front row from left, Courtney Ezell, Etha Neely, Rickale Clark, Jessica Ware, Carol Orr, LaQuita Green, Jasmine Bray and instructor Lori Smith. In the back row are Otisha Mixon, Deidre Jackson, Jennifer Brock, Louise Carter, Sandy Peeks, Cindy Anderson, Sarah Taylor and Nick Madison.

Banking and Finance

The members of Delta Epsilon Chi's Banking and Finance chapter are, front row from left, instructor Janet Gullett, Jerrilyn Gerard, Renett Hayes, Latasha Strong, Angelica Keaton, Shanquanita Crawford, Evelyn Galvan, Valancia Sherrod and Alice Hampton. In the back row are Christina Davis, Annie Crawford, Angela Hatcher, Laurie Moore, Malika Watkins, Stacey Bohannon, Diane Rast, Jessica Thomas and Derrick Harris.

Left to right:
Cortney Henry
Hailey Montgomery
Jennifer Strickland
Laquandra Stewart
Ryan McArthur
Shonte Akins

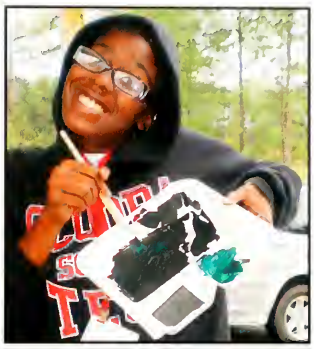
Drama Club

The Drama Club at EMCC's Scooba campus is open to students who want to take their exploration of theatre a step further than the classroom. Its members include, standing from left, Katrayla Manigo, Alexis Bush, Lauren Reves, Jennifer Fox and Armand Edwards. Seated are Lashaundra Murray, Nartoya Collins and Lanquan Ivy. Reclining is Trey Triplett.

Art Club

The members of the Art Club at EMCC's Scooba campus include, kneeling from left, Meagan Jones, Stormi Steele, Kristen Walls and Josh Williams. Standing are instructor Terry Cherry, instructor Lisa Spinks, Jackie Ivy, Heather Boatner, DeVita Jones, Whitney Love, Brittion Smith and Armand Edwards.

OUTDOOR ART
Art Club students, from left, Heather Boatner, Meagan Jones, DeVita Jones and Brittion Smith work on a painting outside Aust Hall.



MORALITY PLAY
Trey Triplett and Armand Edwards, above, and other drama students perform "The Allegory of the Shepherd and the Sheep" in November during Fine Arts Recruitment Day.

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Musical Theatre Workshop

Music Theatre Workshop teaches students how to create musical dramas and organize behind-the-scenes work for large-scale productions. Its members include, front row from left, Brittany Barry, Brittany Alexander, Courtney Hairston, Lauren Reves, Katralya Manigo, Erica Warnat, Tamarie Phillips, Lakeshia Wells, Dallas Smith and Kirsten Dickerson. In the back row are Brittney Jefferson, Wiley Saul, Jeremy Evans, LaVan Baskin, Trave Williams, Christian Trussell and DeQuisha Key.

Forestry Club

The Forestry Club at EMCC's Scooba campus promotes the development of the forestry sector of the economy and reflects the attitudes and expectations of students enrolled in the Forestry Technology program. Its members include, first row from left, Justin Gentry, Vince Cusimano, Bryan Lutz, Josh Rigdon, Brad Joiner and Scott Jackson. In the second row are instructor Bob Walker, Eric Long, Corey Hart, Nathan Peden, Justin Coffman, Joseph Harrison, Mark Godwin and Andrew Alford.

Health Occupation Students of America

Health Occupation Students of America is a national organization which sponsors competitions at the state and national level in various health-related areas. The members of HOSA at EMCC's Scooba campus include, first row from left: Whitney Hooks; Shatarika Jones; Ciera Barber, historian/reporter; Alexandria Gladney, president; Amelia Yates, vice president; and Zundra Jackson. In the second row are: Lillian Patty, secretary; LaToya Julien; LaKeisha Clark; Dominick Glenn; Shatonia Potts; Jennifer Brandon; Denesha Ewell; and instructor Jennifer Jackson.

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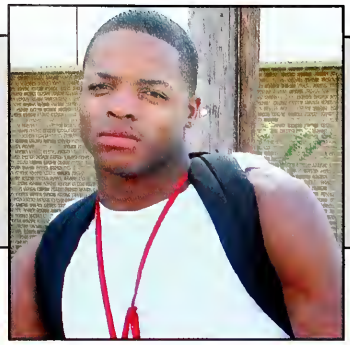
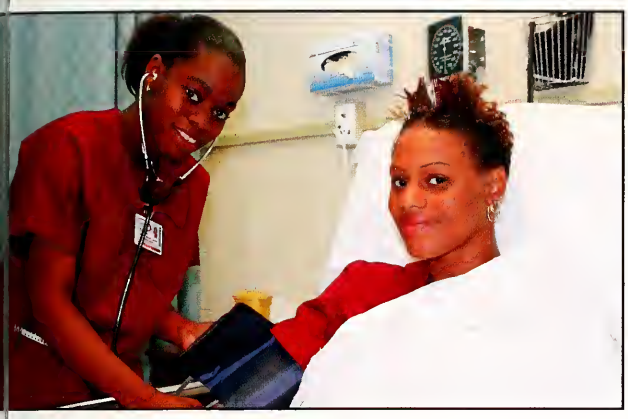


WARM OCTOBER
Justin Coffman, left, and Bryan Lutz of the Forestry Technology program work in an outdoor classroom on the Scooba campus.



CARING HEARTS
Members of Health Occupation Students of America practice their skills. At left, Whitney Brooks stands in as a patient while Dominick Glenn takes her blood pressure. At right, LaToya Julien, standing, and LaKeisha Clark work with an anatomical model.

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National Technical Honor Society

The National Technical Honor Society at EMCC's Golden Triangle campus is an internationally recognized program. Members must be enrolled full-time in a career or technical program, earn a 3.25 grade point average in their program coursework and a 3.0 grade point average for overall coursework. The society's members include, front row from left, Crystal Craven, Cassandra Eggleston, Letisha Esters, Renett Hayes and Dorine Deason. In the back row are Alan Beall, Zacary Cash, Justin Lindley, Brent Mitchell and Randy Simpson.

Left to right:
Larry Tate
Jeremy Beck
Andrea Foote
Patricia Winters
Jessica Ward
Dustin Carter

Practical Nursing

Student Practical Nurses Association

The Student Practical Nurses Association at the Golden Triangle campus is a student chapter of the National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses. Its purpose is to increase awareness of nursing roles, nursing issues and medical technology through hands-on experiences, educational conferences, guest speakers and community services. Members include Carley Adams, Katrina Bailey, Erica Billups,Tonya Black, Crystal Blanton, Kristine Callahan, Colleen Crowe, Christina Dodd, DVora Edwards, Katrena Farmer, Jessica Ferguson, Paige Fondren, Bridget Gibson, Latoya Guyton, Claire Hackett, Taresa Halterman, Renata Harris, Loucia Jackson, Cindy Johnson, Sheena Lampley, Kelly Martin, Kristi Martin, Lisa Maxey, Sandra McDaniel, Mercedes McDonald, Stacy McIntosh Rosalyn Miller, Julia Neal, Gabriela Palmar, Tamieka Patton, Anita Phillips, Yolanda Roberts, Janika Robinson, Sophia Bush, Laura Seitz, Diane Sloane, Andrea Standifer, Catellia Steward, Tanganyika Swearengen, Nathan Taylor, Tammy Terrell, Courtney Walker, Joni Walker, Abby Whitt, Keri Wigley, Cary Williams and Etheria Williams.

Phi Beta Lambda

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Phi Beta Lambda is a national college organization of students enrolled in business subjects. It seeks to develop competent, aggressive business leadership, to increase interest and understanding in the intelligent choice of business occupations and to encourage improvement in scholarships. The members of the Scooba chapter include, first row from left, Rolanda Conner, Brittany Hicks and Phyllis Carter. In the second row are Mickey Grady, Deloise Sledge, Naketta Bland and Sabrina Jackson. In the third row are Danielle Hawkins, Dominick Gill and Bridget Payne.

MIRROR, MIRROR
Tijoshia Marshall, a member of the Optical Technology Club on the Scooba campus shares a light-hearted moment with classmate Francecesa Hall in a mock-up of an optometrist's office.

Optical Technology Club

The Optical Technology Club is made up of students in the Ophthalmic Technology program on the Scooba campus. Its members include, first row from left, Sylinna Haynes, Lois Jones, Francecesa Hall, Tijoshia Marshall and Monica Nicholson. In the second row are Marc Lampert, KeAundra Moore, David Robertson, Sugar Grant and instructor Eddie Sciple.

Phi Beta Lambda
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The members of the Golden Triangle chapter of Phi Beta Lambda include, first row from left, Rosie Rambus, Tawanda Evans, Tabatha Chandler, Melissa Jenkins, Constance Ewings, Yolanda Wofford, Dee'Anna Bruce, Yvette Pippins and Abby Lewis. In the second row are Angela Thomas, Hannah Reeves, Jamie Jones, Crystal Craven, Shana McKie and Ethel Webb. In the third row are Kimberly Fowler, Deborah Brown, Marquita Coleman, Nikeah Tate, Leslie Robertson and Deionne Lenoir. Not pictured are Alexis Collins, Dorine Deason, Rachel Lucas, LaDettria Miller, Stephanie Powers and Sonya Shaw.

Phi Theta Kappa

Golden Triangle

Phi Theta Kappa is the official honor society for two-year colleges. It promotes scholarship, develops character and provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service. Pictured from the Golden Triangle chapter are, from left, Wes Blondin, Kevin Towery, Lucille Brown, Tiffany Palmertree, Laura Cravey, Ben Smit, Anthony Vaughn and sponsor Theresa Houston.

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The members of Phi Theta Kappa at the Scooba campus are, first row from left, Katie Kelleher, Katie Moore, Kelsey Prevatt and Kristie Owens. In the second row are Michael Lee, Letina Smith, Erica Warnat, Brandy Walden and Kasey Doss. In the the last row are Johnny Reed, Allen Rattler, David Trosclair and Jesse Conner.

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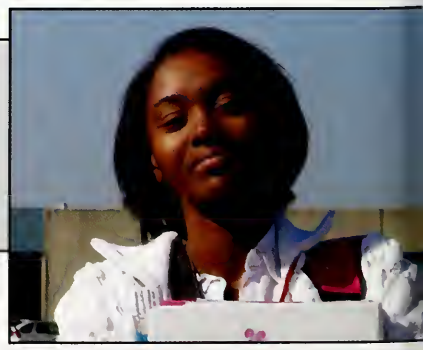
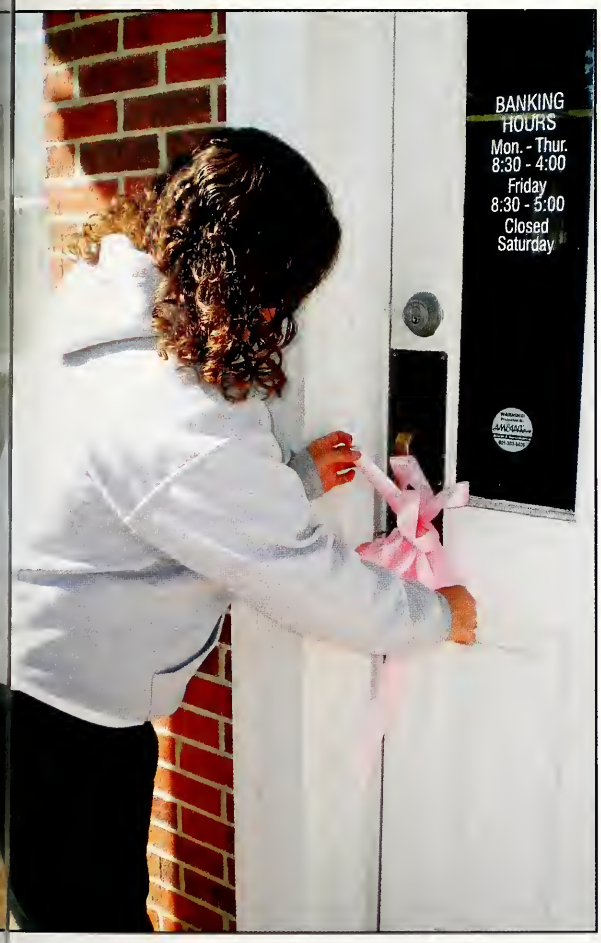
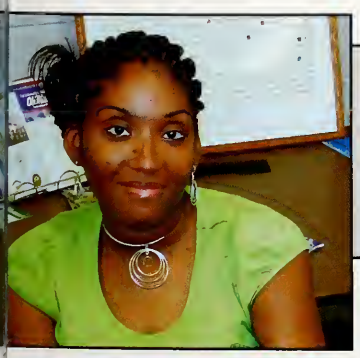


FUND-RAISER
Wes Blondin, right, president of the Golden Triangle chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and Teresa Houston, the chapter's sponsor discuss the details of an upcoming fund-raiser.



HOMECOMING
The Scooba chapter of Phi Theta Kappa sold Homecoming T-shirts in the fall. Erica Warnat, left, Carol Toney and Katie Kelleher model the shirts. The Scooba PTK also observed National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October; at far left, Erica Warnat is shown placing a pink ribbon on the door of a local bank.



Left to right:
Charles Dixon
Marie Maples
Lekisha Bush
Shameka Triplett
Dustin Carter
Zedrick Fondren

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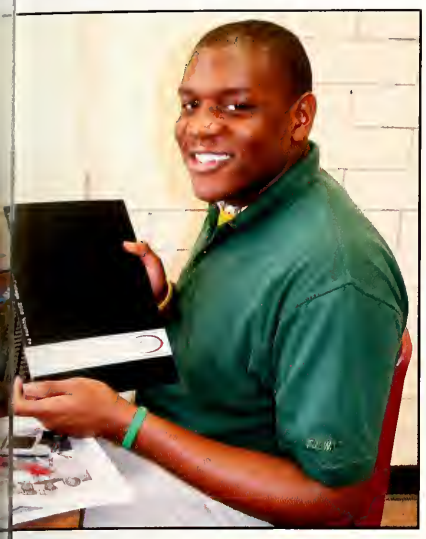
EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME
A man of diverse interests, music education major Daniel Rushing is also editor of The Collegian. He is shown at Macon's Christmas parade. At far right, Lechia Holbrook listens during Homecoming as her husband, newly inducted Hall of Fame honoree Chris Holbrook, tells Rushing a football story.

WEEKEND DUTY
Marques Creer put in long hours on yearbook pages and also worked on the newspaper. A special Homecoming edition of The Collegian, far right, ran as part of the Kemper County Messenger and reached more than 2,000 homes.

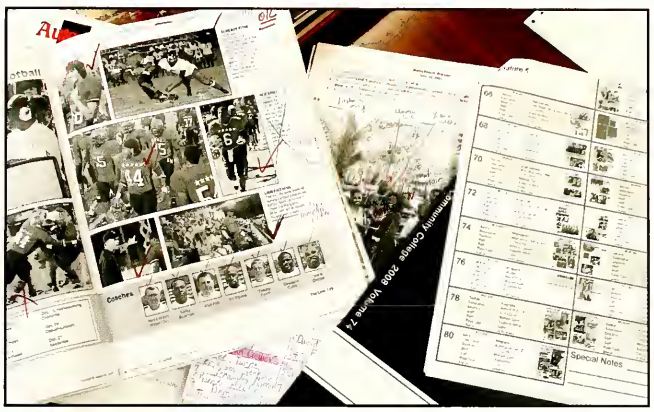
The Lion

The Lion is East Mississippi Community College's yearbook. Students at the Scooba campus make up the staff; they include, from left, Fred Boykins, Katrina Zahniser, Katherine Brents, editor Antonio Lockett, Angelique Harkley and Marques Creer. Not pictured are Lee Turner, Lanquan Ivy and Alison Linney.

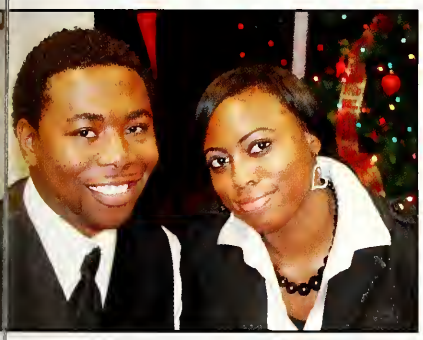


BUSY SCHEDULE
Antonio Lockett, a campus leader and editor of The Lion, plans a career in photojournalism. He is shown singing in the Christmas concert as a member of Reflections. At far left, Lockett looks over a proof copy of the yearbook cover.

Yearbook staff members Lee Turner and Fred Boykins work with a camera during a home game.



"PAGE LADDERS" AND PROOFS
Building a yearbook demands organization and attention to detail; pictured is some of the paperwork involved. At far left, Fred Boykins hitches a ride during Homecoming with Adam Lollar; Boykins covered the event as a reporter for the yearbook and the newspaper.



Yearbook staff members:

Lee Turner and a friend, Gertrica Harris, after a Christmas concert

Lanquan Ivy working the concession stand

Katrina Zahniser on a soccer trip

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The Collegian

The Collegian, East Mississippi Community College's newspaper, is published by students from the Scooba campus. Staff members include, front row from left, Marques Creer, editor Daniel Rushing and Alison Linney. In the second row are Angelique Harkley and Fred Boykins. (As a point of interest, Rushing's beard didn't turn jet-black between page 66 and page 67; this photo was taken just before Homecoming, and he is wearing a Spirit Week costume.)

Skills USA-VICA

Skills USA-VICA is a national organization serving more than 250,000 high school and college students and professional members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations. Its Golden Triangle members include, front row from left, Renee Connor, Tabatha Howell, Marbi McCann and Ronnie Galberth. In the second row are Katina Blackston, Jared Crenshaw, Steven Howell, Bobby Orsburn, Mario Wilson and Casey Anglin. In the third row are Eldon McCrary, Brandon Kuchler and Wesley Scroggins, and in the fourth row are Tavarres Clay, Chase Pennington and Joe Talbert.

Sigma Phi Sigma

A national fraternity, Sigma Phi Sigma is open to Funeral Service Technology students at EMCC's Scooba campus. Its goal is to promote knowledge, professionalism and fellowship among funeral service majors. Members include, front row from left, Zedrick Fondren, Tiffany Calloway, Elliott Newton, Chiquita Calloway and Christi Ewing. In the second row are Jessica Price, Monica Davis, Jessica Romanowski, Jamera McDonald, Ashley Melerine, Ardienne Coburn and Jason Roberson. In the back row are Amie Sykes, Tyran Frison, instructor Octavia Dickerson, Shayron Carr, Jordan Davis, Chandler Bays, Ellery Scott, Joseph Hall and Tiffany Human.

LAB WORK
Christi Ewing, Ardienne Coburn, Monica Davis and Jessica Romanowski, Funeral Service Technology students in Scooba, work with modeling putty.
At far left, Chandler Bays and Joseph Hall practice facial reconstruction skills.

SHARPENING SKILLS
Automotive students Clyde Rushing and Wade Armstrong, above, work on a vehicle strut in Golden Triangle's automotive lab.
At left, electrical students Jamey Moore and David Young practice wiring on an electrical trainer.

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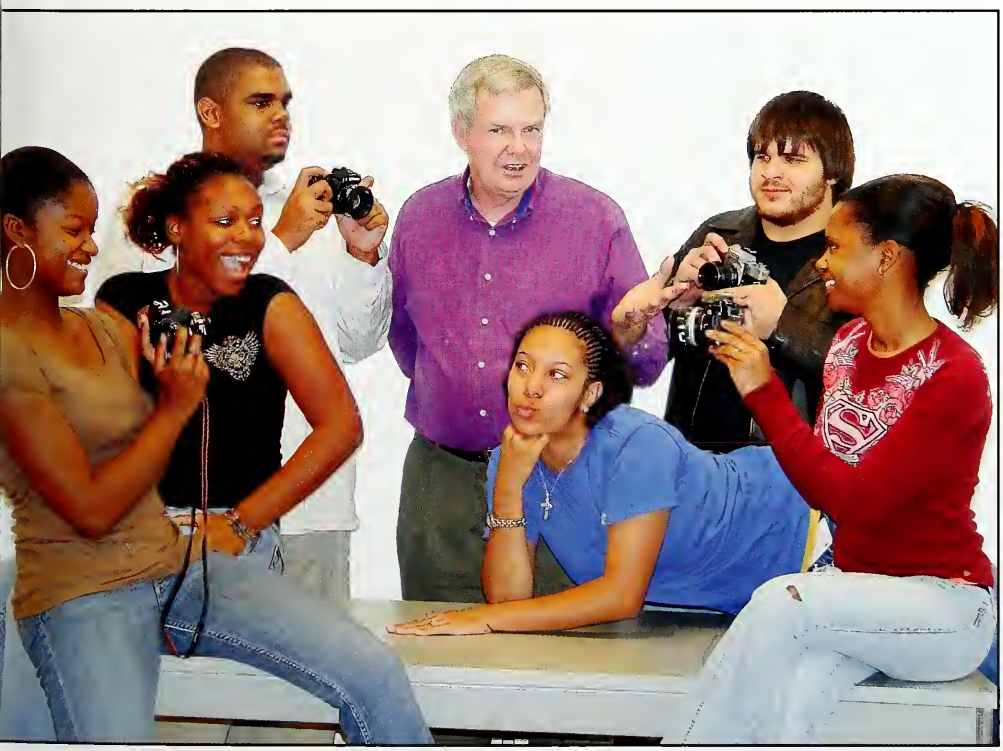

Photography Club

The Photography Club at EMCC's Scooba campus is open to students who want to hone their skills -- in everything from the technology of digital cameras to composition and color management to cropping photos to enhance their impact. Members include, from left, Brittney Jefferson, DeQuisha Key, Marques Creer, sponsor James Skipper, Jennifer Fox, Jesse Conner and Ashley Metheny.

SGA

Student Government Association

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The Student Government Association enables students to be involved with making decisions that affect campus life. The SGA takes suggestions from students, and interacts with the school administration, to help implement new policies. Seated from left are Trey Triplett and Jacob Fedrick. Standing are Dominick Gill, Lanquan Ivy, Yolanda Hibbler, Brandy Walden, Jessica Stokes, Chris Wilson and Daniel Rushing.

Student Recruiters

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Student recruiters visit high schools and encourage students to "Take a Step Toward Excellence" with East Mississippi Community College. The Scooba team includes, front row from left, Ashley Cotton, Brandy Walden, Jessica Stokes, Katie Moore and Letina Smith. In the back row are Adam Lollar, Antonio Lockett, Justin Swinney, Brandon Briggs and Lee Turner. Not pictured is Lanquan Ivy.

Golden Triangle

Student recruiters from the Golden Triangle campus include, first row from left, Aimee Scribner, Alana Champion, Traci Whitehead, Suzanne Stewart, Andrew Arnett, Casey Rowe and Kathryn Long. In the back row are Hanna Miles, Brandi Wynn, Justin Leonard, Christine Holland, Sharise Rice, Haley Howard and Tiffany Wicks.

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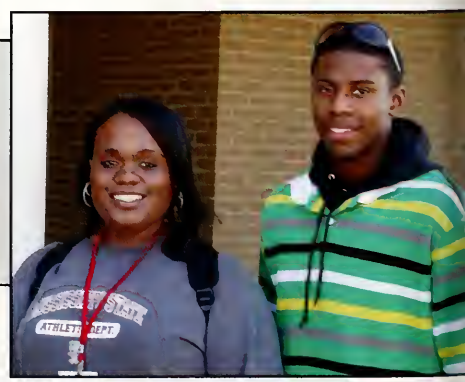

Golden Triangle

SGA members from the Golden Triangle campus include, seated from left, Tiffany Wicks, Kevin Towery, Suzanne Stewart and sponsor Sheila Flurry. In the second row are Haley Howard, Brandi Wynn, Kathryn Long, Casey Rowe, Aimee Scribner, Christine Holland and Beneshia Williams. In the third row are Mark McLaughlin, Casey Anglin and Bobby Orsburn.

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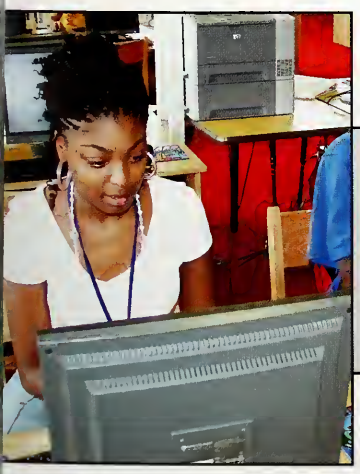
Society of Exceptional Students

The Society of Exceptional Students at EMCC's Scooba campus is primarily made up of TRIO students, but all are welcome. Seated from left are Dantria Grace, Lonnie Benamon, Ashley Ash, Fred Boykins and Yolanda Hibbler. In the second row are sponsor Wynelia Cherry, Alexis Bush, Lanquan Ivy, Sasha Bogan, sponsor Teretha Conner, Brittany Dooley and Tashia Jennings. In the third row are Dominick Gill, Antonio Lockett, Michael Outlaw, sponsor James Rush, Torris Grady and Dameon Baylor.



Left to right:
Anita Harris
Taylor Atkins
Ciera Cannon and
Michael Perryman
Jessica Bland
DeVita Jones and
Katrina Zahniser
Karla Eddings

EMCC Choir

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The East Mississippi Community College Concert Choir, under director Wendy Smith of the Scooba campus, sings at school functions and has the opportunity to perform at choir festivals. This year, with many new freshmen and returning sophomores, the choir is better than ever.

ALTOS
Members of the alto section include, seated from left, Ashley Martin, Gertrica Harris, Lonice Hill, Arnisha Boyd, Yolanda Hibbler and LaKeshia Wells. Standing are Sasha Bogan, Emily Foy, LaShaundra Murray, Brittany Alexander, Dallas Smith and Courtney Hairston. Not pictured are Tashia Jennings and Asia Thomas.

BASSES
Members of the bass section include, front row from left, Christian Trussell, Jeremy Evans, Dominick Gill, Antonio Franklin and Corey Haynes. Seated are Wiley Saul, LaVan Baskin, Lonnie Benamon and Cameron Shumpert.

Choir director Wendy Smith and voice student Sasha Bogan perform a duet, "The Snow Lay on the Ground," during a Christmas concert.

SOPRANOS
The soprano section includes, kneeling from left, Danielle Kelly and Kirsten Dickerson. Standing are Brittany Barry, Shawntell Triplett, Brittany Jenkins, Tamarie Phillips, DeQuisha Key, Jennifer Card, Brittney Jefferson and Mary Smith. Not pictured is Kiresten Walker.

TENORS
The tenor section includes, from left, Lee Turner, Daniel Rushing, Antonio Lockett and Stephen Phillips. Not pictured is Lanquan Ivy.

GOOD TIMES
LaShaundra Murray and Tashia Jennings visit during a rehearsal.
At far left, choir students show off their pearly whites and enjoy each other's company at a Christmas party.

LaKeshia Wells

Lonnie Benamon

Jennifer Card and Tamarie Phillips

GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT
Choir students rehearse before the night of the big Christmas performance at Stennis Auditorium on the Scooba campus. The choir is accompanied by Cary Eldridge, director of the EMCC Jazz Band.

Reflections

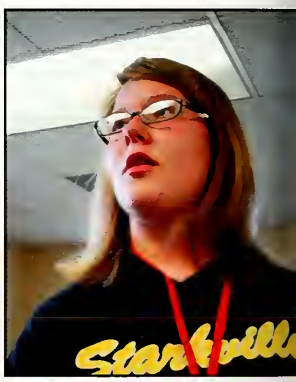
vocals ■ vocals ■ vocals ■ vocals

Reflections is a singing group of select students from the Scooba campus who perform for area high schools, clubs and EMCC activities. Its members include, first row from left, Ashley Martin, Shawntell Triplett, Kirsten Dickerson, Yolanda Hibbler, Tamarie Phillips and Tashia Jennings. In the back row are Daniel Rushing, Trave Williams, Dominick Gill, LaVan Baskin, Cameron Shumpert, Corey Haynes and Antonio Lockett. Not pictured is Emily Foy.

Tashia Jennings

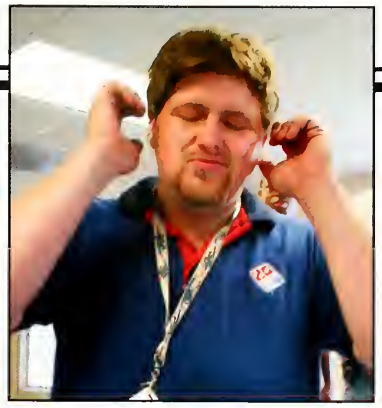
Trave Williams and Ashley Martin

Tamarie Phillips



Antonio Lockett, Daniel Rushing, LaVan Baskin and Trave Williams sing in the Christmas concert.

Members of Reflections rehearse the opening number of their Homecoming show. In the front row, from left, are Shawntell Triplett, Daniel Rushing and Tamarie Phillips. In the back row are Cameron Shumpert, Kirsten Dickerson, Dominick Gill and Antonio Lockett.



Kirsten Dickerson sings "Silent Night" with a member of the audience, Nicole Brandon, during the Christmas concert.

LaVan Baskin shows off his prize-winning antlers.

Daniel Rushing sings the blues.

PRACTICE
Corey Haynes and Shawntell Triplett, center, rehearse a new arrangement. At left, Cameron Shumpert takes a break. Below, Yolanda Hibbler poses for the camera.

PERFORMANCE
Reflections performs "Gloria" at Stennis Auditorium during a Christmas concert. At right, Reflections member Emily Foy sings a carol.

SOUNDING IT OUT
Tamarie Phillips, Tashia Jennings and Antonio Lockett work on "Blue Skies" before Homecoming. At far left, Cameron Shumpert, Dominick Gill and Antonio Lockett. rehearse in the choir room.

PROGRAMS

Mapping the future

At seven sites located throughout East Mississippi Community College's six-county district, students are laying the groundwork for their futures. EMCC offers a wide variety of career-technical programs designed to prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce and academic programs for transfer to senior colleges.

Forestry Technology students from EMCC's Scooba campus discuss the growth of a pine thicket during an outing in Kemper County. In front, from left, are Mallorey Swartz, Taylor Dean, Brad Joiner, Nathan Peden and Corey Hart. Behind them are Eric Long, Bryan Lutz and Justin Coffman.

Bradley Frost and instructor Joanna Alford, Electrical Technology, Golden Triangle

Virginia Gordon and Earon Cannon, Special Populations luncheon, Scooba

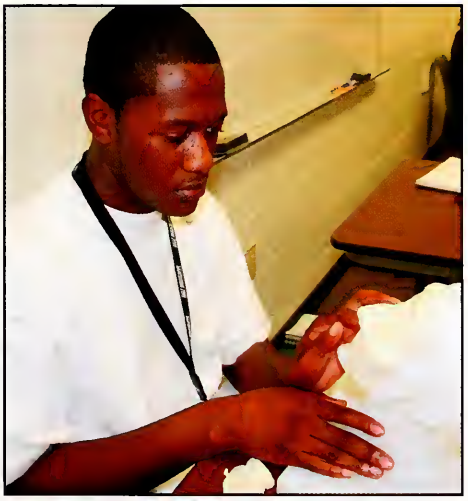
Ronnie Galberth and Dana Delgatto, Cosmetology, Golden Triangle

William Callaway, art appreciation at Golden Triangle

Aaron Jenkins and Stephanie Pounders, anatomy, Scooba

David Langford, Welding and Metal Fabrication, Scooba

Trey Pickle, Electronics Technology, Golden Triangle



HANDS-ON
EMCC's career and technical programs combine "learning by doing" with skilled instruction. Peter Warren, center, climbs a mock utility pole in Scooba's Lineworker program. Above, Jake Reeves of Golden Triangle's Machine Tool program works in the shop. At left, Zedrick Fondren of Scooba's Funeral Service Technology program uses modeling putty.

Army ROTC

Golden Triangle campus

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps -- U.S. Army ROTC -- is one of the best leadership courses in the country and is a new part of the EMCC curriculum. During classes and field training, students learn first-hand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups and conduct missions as officers in the Army. Upon graduation from Army ROTC, students earn second lieutenant bars and become leaders for life.

Army ROTC is a four-year program; students are able to enroll in freshman and sophomore level courses at EMCC.

Master Sgt. William Rakestraw gives instructions as Lt. Kenneth Anthony begins exercises on the rappelling tower.

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Hilligoss discusses parachute training with the ROTC class.

Army ROTC students break for a quick lunch during training at Camp Seminole.

ROTC students go through capture and search training.

shinda Riley and Diane Lathan work under the watchful eye of ructor Del Faulkner.

Automation & Control

Golden Triangle campus

Automation and Control Technology provides students with the technical knowledge and skills needed to secure jobs as automated manufacturing systems technicians in maintenance, diagnostics, engineering or production in automated manufacturing environments. The focus of this program is on electricity, electronics, industrial computer programming, pneumatics, hydraulics, robotics, programmable controls, interfacing techniques, instrumentation and automated machine processes.

Henry "Max" Mashburne programs a robotic arm.

structor Del Faulkner discusses the principles of conveyer stems with Casey Anglin.

Paul Beasley, Drashinda Riley and Diane Lathan share a laugh.

Automotive

Golden Triangle campus

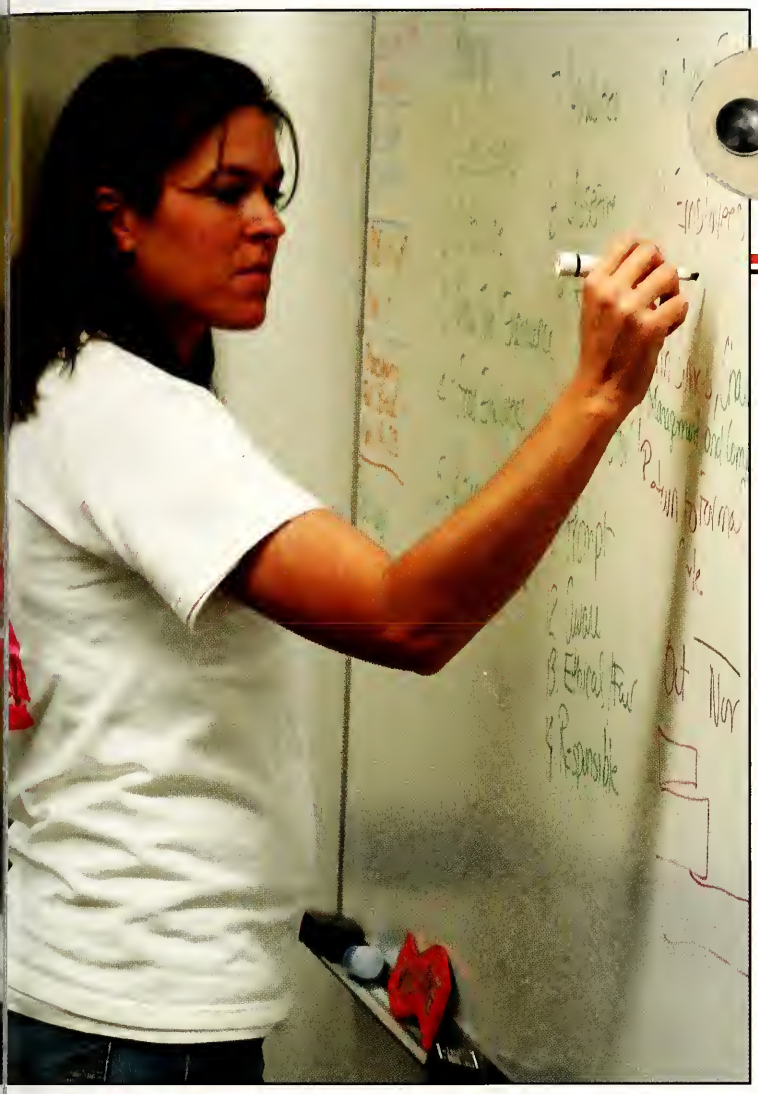
The Automotive Mechanics and Automotive Technology programs provide graduates with the basic skills and the technical knowledge to diagnose properly and repair late-model vehicles, along with problem-solving techniques, and computer diagnosis. Students are taught in modern well-equipped labs utilizing late-model vehicles for repair procedures and electronic diagnostics.

Tyrone Edwards checks the oil under the watchful eye of Greg Ferina.

Instructor Grady Graham goes over an electrical systems check with Eldon McCrary, Bobby Osburn and Jared Crenshaw.

Wade Armstrong works on a brake drum.

Zachary Cash, instructor Grady Graham, Danny Boone, and Wade Armstrong go over engine parts.



ela Hatcher works out a financial problem on the board.

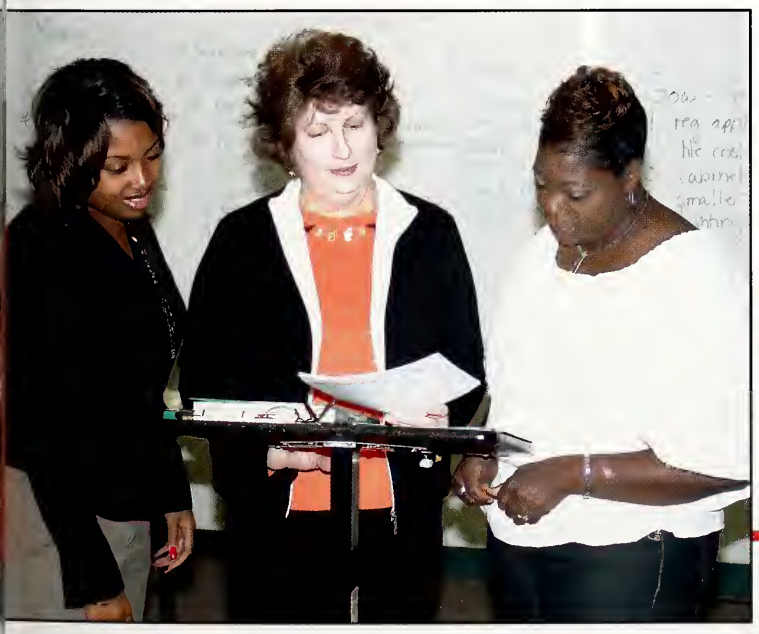
Banking & Finance

Golden Triangle campus

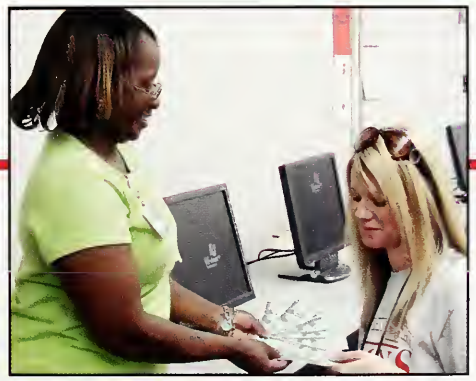
The Banking and Finance Technology program is a two-year course of study. It is designed to help banking and finance students prepare for, and take advantage of, the varied career opportunities available to them in the rapidly changing field of financial services.

The program provides an introduction and an overview of the financial services industry, and opportunities for students to develop basic financial knowledge and abilities, along with the required competencies and social skills necessary for employment and advancement.

Alice Hampton, Randy Conley and Valancia Sherrod plan a jewelry sale.



ika Watkins, left, and Annie Crawford, right, go over an exam instructor Janet Gullett.



Brenda Roberson, left, practices teller training with Lindsey Williamson.

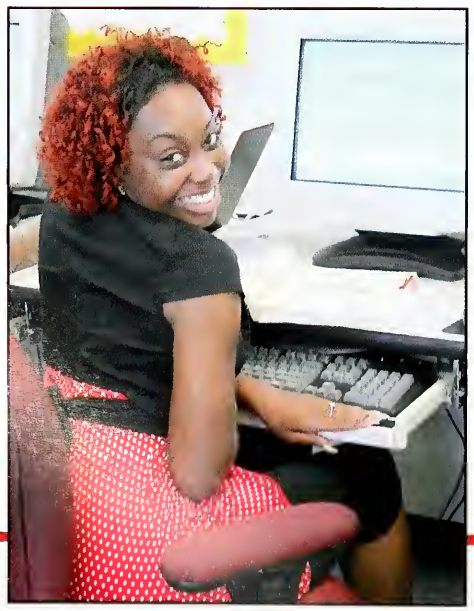
Business Technology

Scooba, Golden Triangle campuses

The Business and Office Technology programs are designed to prepare students for a variety of entry-level positions in the following areas -- office systems technology, medical office technology and microcomputer technology. The curriculum is designed to give each student an overview of office functions and a concentration of skills in a specific area.

Earon Cannon of EMCC's Scooba campus studies document formatting and production.

Naketta Bland, above, and Sabrina Jackson, right, study database management at EMCC's Scooba campus.

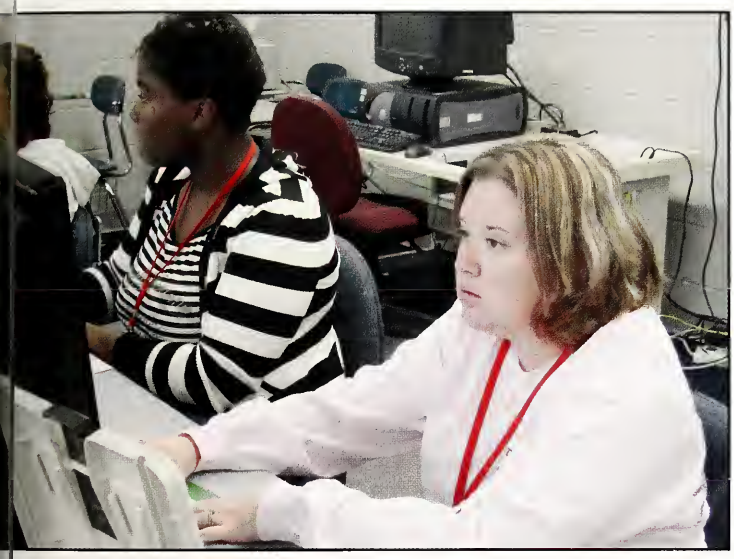


Golden Triangle instructor Jodi Pierce, standing, gives Paula Porter some help developing a Web page.

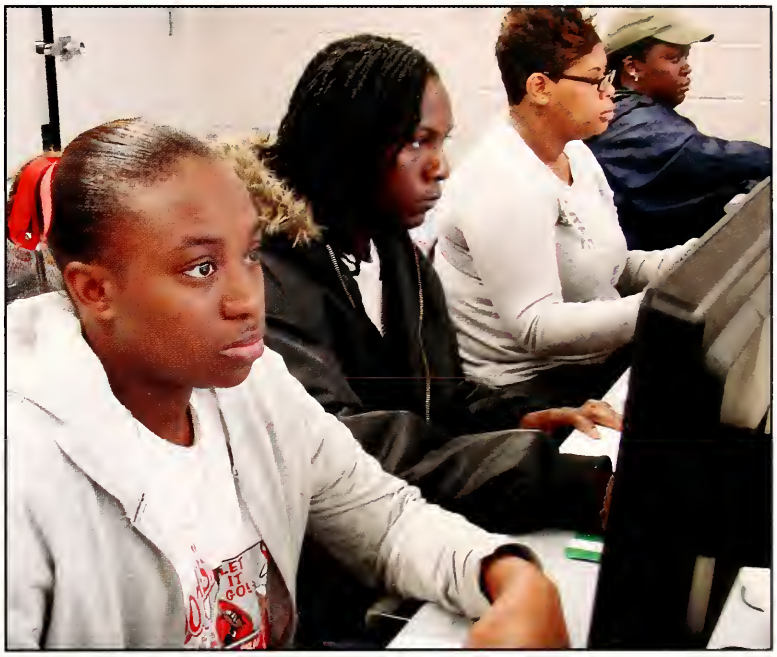
kis Collins, right, and Constance Ewings work on a newsletter
e Golden Triangle campus.

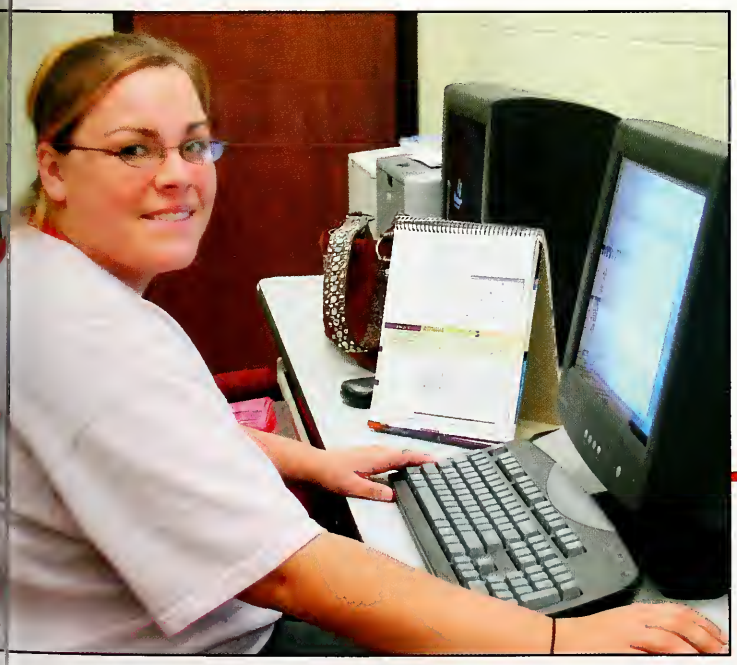
Instructor Patricia Calloway of the Scooba campus helps students understand how offices work.

Markeela Jones, below, LaDettria Miller, Whitney McCarter and Tiffany Davis work on document formatting at the Golden Triangle campus.



den Triangle students Abby Lewis and Tenesha Hill
e a records management test.





ry Nell Stapleton studies document formatting and
duction at EMCC's Scooba campus.

Instructor Jacqueline Brown, standing, fields a question as Danielle Hawkins gets started on an exercise at the Scooba campus.

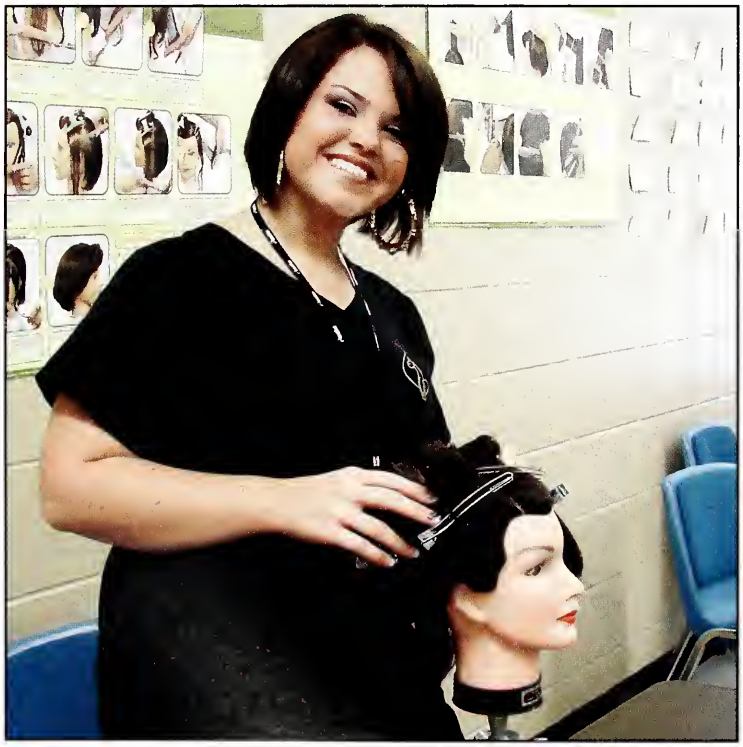
Cosmetology

Golden Triangle campus

The Cosmetology program is a three-semester curriculum leading to a vocational certificate.The program prepares students to care for hair, nails and skin with emphasis on hygiene, sanitation, customer relations and salon management. Hands-on experience is provided in all areas of modern cosmetology.

Satisfactory completion of the course qualifies students for the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology certification examination. Classes are held in a modern facility especially designed for the program.

Hanna Miles uses a marcel iron on Ronnie Galberth's hair.



Renee Conner practices her styling technique.

Dana Delgato adds color to Laurie Hill's hair.

Instructor Debbie Coker watches as Hanna Miles works with a customer.

Drafting & Design

adley Moore and instructor Bill Gavin remove a printout
m the plotter.

Golden Triangle campus

The Drafting and Design Technology curriculum prepares students for employment in the field of technical graphical representation. The classroom training provides a sound foundation in the basics of drafting practice and is closely related to actual industrial standards.

Subjects taught include architectural drafting, machine drafting, surveying, mapping and topography and computer-aided drafting. In order to meet industrial demands, computer-aided drafting is the basis of all courses.

Demarcus Pope and instructor Bill Gavin look at parts made by the rapid prototype machine.

adley Moore, Chris Brownlee and Coty Smith take a look
a model frame.

Jason Sanders goes over some room dimensions.

Electrical Technology

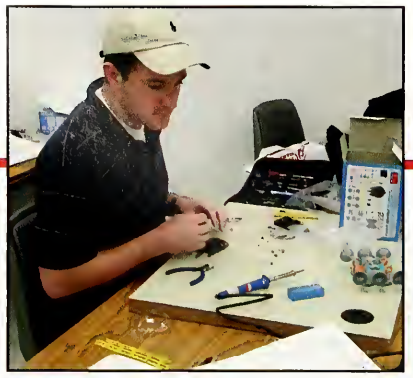
Golden Triangle campus

Electrical Technology offers both a one-year vocational certificate and a two-year associate of applied science degree. The one-year program prepares graduates for employment in residential, commercial and industrial electricity settings. Graduates of the program will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to plan, install, maintain and troubleshoot electrical systems.

The two-year program provides students with more in-depth training in all aspects of the electrical field. Additional instruction is provided in the areas of automation, solid state motor control and digital electronics.

Maurice Kidd works on a traffic light trainer.

Electrical technology students learn to solder DC circuits.



Stephen Schrader goes over his instructions.

Antwan Frazier and Jonathan Morris bend conduit.

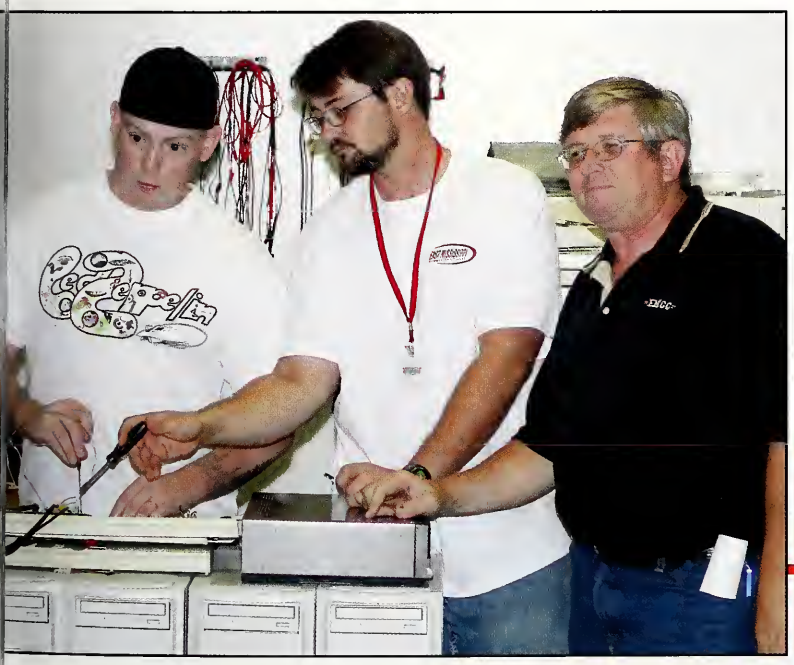
y Frayser makes modifications to a transmitter.

Electronics Technology

Golden Triangle campus

The Electronics Technology curriculum provides instruction necessary for a student to become a competent electronic technician. Electronic technicians find satisfying jobs working with telephone companies, electric companies, manufacturing, cell phone companies, satellite installation and networking and computer repair companies.

Graduates are eligible for entry-level employment in any of the options in electronics and will be capable of correlating the activities for a wide variety of occupational fields.



an Ballard, Casey Anglin and instructor Bob Lovelace adjust elevision transmitter.

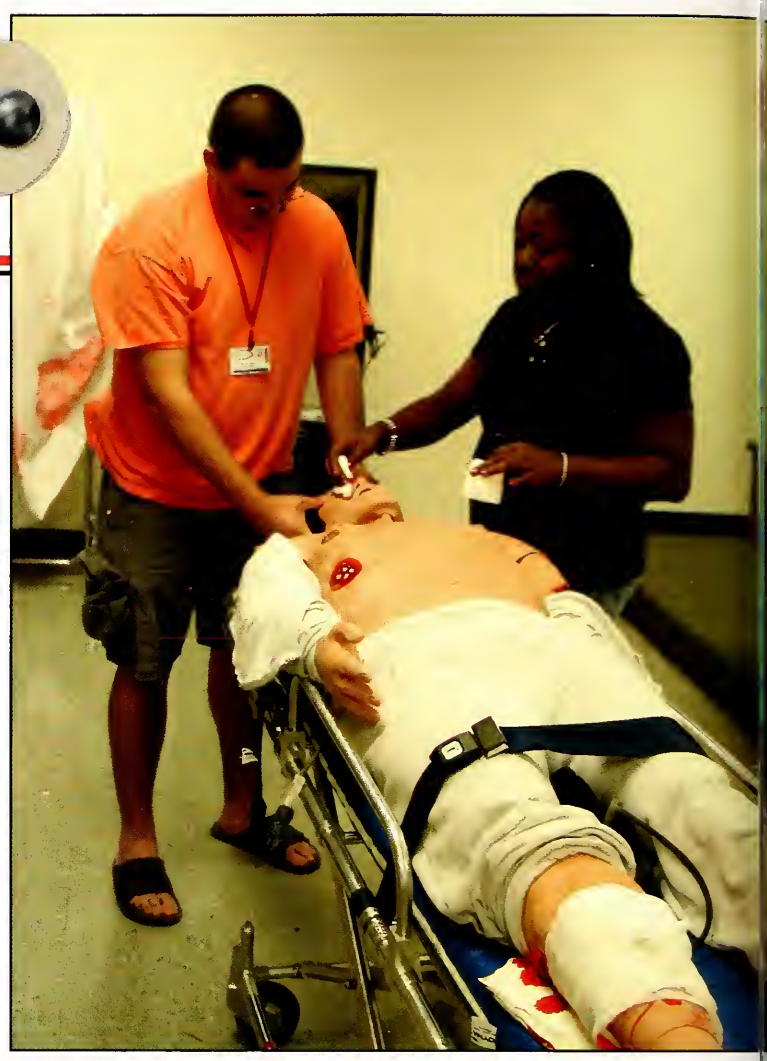
Ronnie Porter, Trey Pickle and instructor Bob Lovelace share a lighter moment.

Drew Coker ponders his next response.

EMT-Paramedic

Golden Triangle campus

The EMT-Paramedic program covers a combination of subject matter and experience to prepare students to respond to medical emergency calls. Students learn to evaluate the nature of emergencies, take prompt action to reduce medical hazards, transport patients to receiving stations and serve as technical assistants to the emergency room staff of general hospitals. Course content is based on the National Department of Transportation and the National Standards Curriculum.



Matthew West and April Johnson apply medication to lacerations suffered by a mock crash victim during a class exercise.

Michelle Lawton secures Mark Acker's neck in this exercise while Emily Oglesby checks his heart.

Cody Miller and instructor John McBryde apply a bandage.

Michelle Lawton and Mark Acker use a model to practice intubatin a patient.

Forestry

Scooba campus

Forestry Technology prepares graduates to produce, protect and manage timber and other forest crops. Students participate in learning experiences related to land and forest measurement, the growth of timber stands, tree identification, harvesting, timber management, forest protection and forest products utilization.

Emphasis is placed on the development of job skills. The latest technologies and computer application skills are incorporated into courses. The program combines lecture-based activities with laboratory field experiences.

Corey Hart, above, works on a poem about forestry as part of Project Learning Tree.

At left, another Forestry Technology student works on a haiku.

/lor Dean listens as Ed Brown of the Mississippi Forestry mmission explains how to teach forest concepts to elementary ool students. The outreach program is called Project Learning Tree.

ad Joiner gazes out from the middle of a "living tree." The exercise aches children how trees live and grow by assigning them to act out rts -- bark, roots, leaves, etc. These forestry students tried it out for emselves as part of Project Learning Tree.

Fine Arts & Humanities

Districtwide

One of three academic divisions at EMCC, Fine Arts and Humanities encompasses several subject areas: foreign language, English composition and literature, philosophy, speech and fine arts -- art, music and theater. Developmental classes are also available to help students prepare for English composition coursework.

Fine Arts and Humanities classes explore the nature of man, including our interpretation of beauty and truth, and how we communicates these ideas to others, both orally and visually.

Ashlea Duncan plays the role of a special sheep in the Scooba Drama Department's production of "The Allegory of the Shepherd and the Sheep."

Willie Jones and Daniel Rushing perform in theatre class on the Scooba campus.

Scooba art instructor Terry Cherry supervises the creation of a large painting outside Aust Hall.

Golden Triangle student Holley Peel uses a paint knife to replicate at photograph.

Golden Triangle student Karen Davis

Scooba students Kiresten Walker and Brooke Quinn.

Scooba student Brittany Jenkins

r y Foy, left, Will Tate and Tamarie Phillips work on a scene
ı a play in a theatre class.

Amy Hodnett takes advantage of the fine weather to work on a watercolor painting at the Golden Triangle campus.

den Triangle student Landon Street works on a portrait
ıg oil pastels.

Scooba student Stephen Phillips plans a ceramic piece.

Funeral Service

Scooba campus

The Funeral Service Technology program enlarges the background and knowledge of students about the profession, helps them develop proficiency and necessary skills, teaches students about the responsibilities of the funeral service profession to communities and emphasizes high ethical standards.

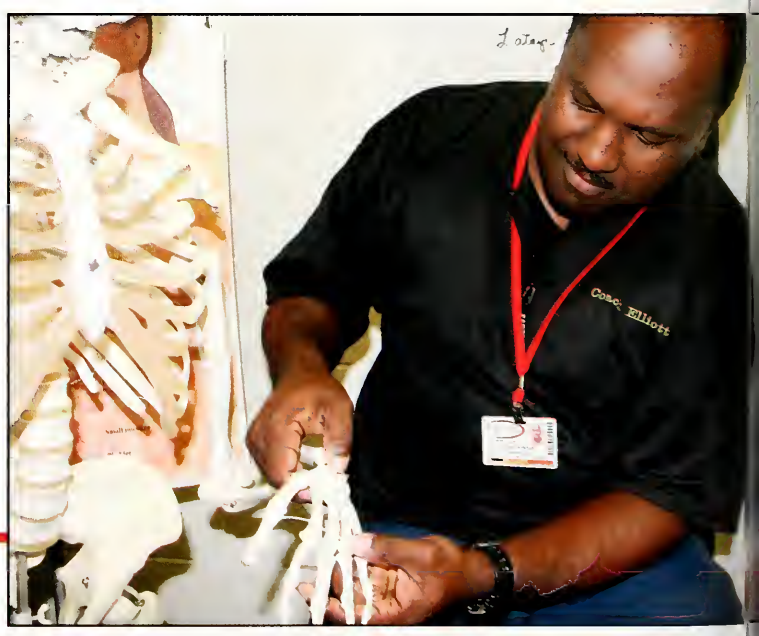
Laboratory experience is provided in all phases of funeral service in a modern facility with instruction from well-qualified faculty.

Graduates with successful achievement on the National Board Examination may become eligible for licensure in other states contingent upon completion of specific state requirements.

Ashley Melerine and Jordan Davis work with a special modeling p designed for facial reconstruction.

Monica Davis arranges a floral spray before a mock funeral service.

Jason Roberson watches as Jamera McDonald works on facial structures.



Elliott Newton uses a model skeleton in one of the Funeral Servic Technology program's lab spaces to examine the bones of a hum hand.

lley Cooper prepares a dessert tray for the Golden Triangle
eer Expo.

Hotel & Restaurant

Golden Triangle campus

The Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology program provides instruction in all phases of hotel and restaurant management to prepare students for careers as managers and supervisors in the hospitality and tourism industry.

Students who complete the Hotel and Restaurant Management concentration are eligible to obtain Pro-Management Certification from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation or certifications from the Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Lodging Association in Specialized Food and Beverage Management and/or Hospitality Operations.

enia Glover and Linda Bowens prepare a dish for the oven.

Michael Bourke and Linda Bowens discuss what dishes to serve next.

Arsenia Glover and Thomas Smith share a laugh while manning the Career Expo's hospitality room.

Health Care Assistant

Scooba campus

The one-semester Health Care Assistant, Nursing Assistant/Aide program prepares graduates to assist in providing health care as members of the health care profession. Students who complete the program may qualify for employment as homemakers, certified nursing assistants, long-term care aides or home health aides in the Mississippi health care industry.

Alexandria Gladney watches as classmate Amelia Yates gets so practice balancing a scale.

Shatarika Jones, left, and Shatonia Potts learn that a ride in a wheelchair is a good chance to interact with patients.

Zundra Jackson, left, Jennifer Brandon, Lillian Patty and Denesh Ewell work with a blood pressure machine that simulates a variet of readings and helps students sharpen their skills.

Ciera Barber feeds a bed patient.

e Washington and Jacob Briggs work on the wiring in the lab
copter.

ructor Mike McCullough, left, and Jake Washington perform
ıe robotic maintenance work.

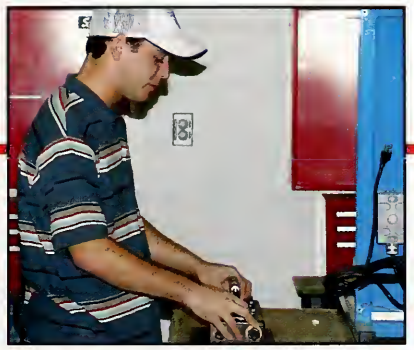
Industrial Maintenance

Golden Triangle campus

The Industrial Maintenance Technology curriculum prepares students for entry-level employment as multi-skilled maintenance technicians -- responsible for assembling, installing and maintaining/repairing machinery used in manufacturing or industrial settings.

Students receive basic instruction on safety, machinery maintenance, troubleshooting and service, blueprint reading, welding and cutting operations, machining operations, piping, hydro-testing and industrial electricity.

Blake Puckett makes adjustments to an electric motor.



Clay Smith makes sure the part he's working on is perfectly level.

Lineworker

Scooba campus

The Electrical Lineworker program prepares students for work with electrical utility companies and contractors. The first phase provides training on safety rules and procedures needed in basic lineworker skills, such as pole-climbing, knowledge of materials and tools, framing, anchor and pole insulation, transformer theory and working on 15-foot poles.

The second phase expands on overhead and underground electrical work, such as three-phase specification, transformer banking and working from full-height poles.

Austin Touchstone shifts his safety harness as he climbs down fro a telephone pole.

Marcus Smith pauses for a look around during a practice session.

Taking a break after an afternoon of scaling poles are, front row fr left, Kenneth Rush, Joshua McAdory, instructor Doyle Perkins an Mark Weaver. In the back row are Austin Touchstone, Peter Warr Josh Baumunk, Marcus Smith, Dusty Rigdon and Brandon Bisho

Peter Warren and his hard-to-miss yellow helmet.

a Cravey and John Knighten cable routers in the lab.

Local Area Network

Golden Triangle campus

Students entering the Local Area Network Technology major train in a hands-on environment in the field of information technology. The curriculum gives students exposure to a wide variety of classes and lab environments.

Local Area Network is honored to be a Cisco® Local Academy. Students have the option to take a four-semester program as part of the LAN curriculum, which teaches the principles of designing, building and maintaining networks. Upon successful completion, students can register for the certification test to become Cisco® certified network associates.

Anthony Vaughn searches for the correct cable.

ructor Brandon Sesser, left, explains a CD-ROM drive to heron Echols, Anthony Vaughn and Allen Duncan.

Instructor Sandra Coleman assists Leland Sanders.

Machine Tool

Golden Triangle campus

The Machine Tool Operations program is a one- or two-year career program. The first year consists of hands-on operation of machine shop equipment and classroom theory covering safety, blueprint reading, shop math and lathe and milling machine operation. In the second year of study, students learn the theory and operation of basic Computer Numerical Control equipment, metallurgy and production methods -- and develop more advanced hands-on skills.

Anthony Holt locks down a tool holder on one of the lathes.

Aquino Young operates a file shaft on a lathe.

Joshua Thomas adjusts a milling machine.

Instructor Steve Malone looks on as Derrick Porter and Trey Stric work with a lathe.

ha Mixon and Deidre Jackson pose with a bicycle the marketing s raffled to raise money to travel to state competition.

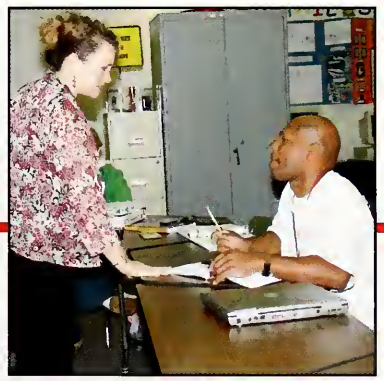
dy Anderson, LaQuita Green, Tonessa Dyson, Roxanne Peeks, dre Jackson and Otisha Mixon plan a class project.

Marketing

Golden Triangle campus

Business and Marketing Management Technology is a two-year program that prepares graduates for careers in marketing research, sales, advertising, management, public relations, merchandising and buying. Students are trained in market research and learn to plan sales forecasts, prepare budgets and effectively utilize various types of advertising media.

Carol Orr and Cindy Anderson fold marketing technology program T-shirts sold to raise money for competition.



Instructor Lori Smith reviews an assignment with Marvin Hairston.

Ophthalmic Technology

Scooba campus

Ophthalmic Technology is a two-year technical program ending in an associate of applied science degree. The curriculum prepares students to grind eyeglass lenses, help wearers select frames suited to their faces, set the lenses into spectacle frames and adjust the fit. The coursework also covers salesmanship and public relations.

Graduates go on to successful careers in doctors' offices, retail optical stores, wholesale optical laboratories and optical manufacturing companies.

Instructor Eddie Sciple helps Francecesa Hall adjust the viewer as she works with a lens

David Robertson, right, plays a customer as classmate Monica Nicholson prepares to fit him with eyeglasses.

Monica Nicholson makes an adjustment to her equipment.

Tijoshia Marshall, left, and Francecesa Hall pose in front of a display case in the program's mock store.

Practical Nursing

Golden Triangle campus

The licensed practical nursing program prepares qualified men and women to become practical nurses. Upon successfully completing the program, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses.

Students gain classroom and laboratory instruction in such areas as basic nursing skills, nutrition, anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, maternal child nursing, emotional and mental illness and medical-surgical nursing.

Clinical experiences are provided by affiliating hospitals and other health care agencies.

Tonya Black prepares to fit a mock patient with a feeding tube.

dra McDaniel, Lisa Maxey and Colleen Crowe assess the dition of an educational dummy called SimMan as Nursing ector Pat Clowers programs a simulated cardiac arrest.

Tammy Terrell, D'Vora Edwards and Katrina Bailey practice inserting a nasal gastric tube as instructor Linda Hebert observes.

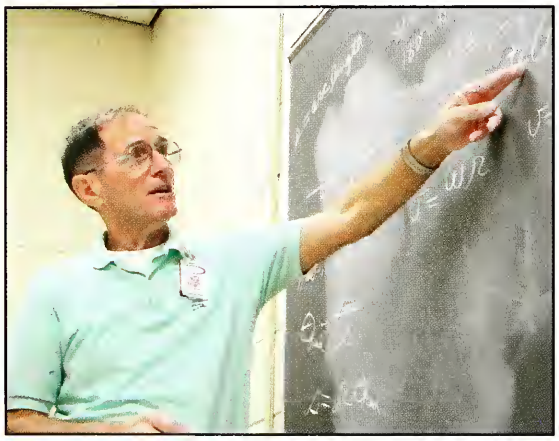
Science & Mathematics

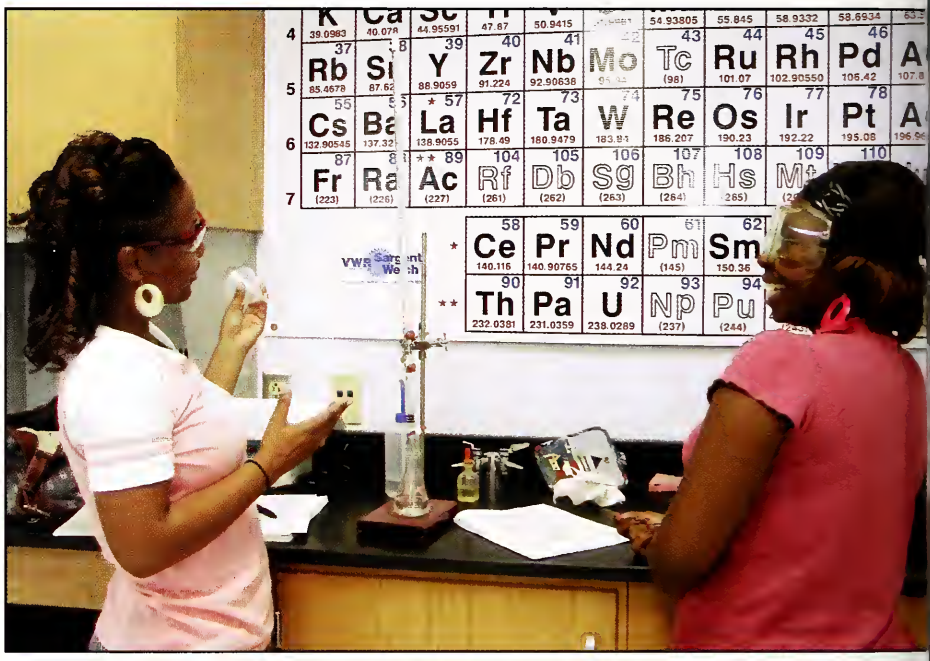
Districtwide

One of three academic divisions, Science and Mathematics includes mathematics, natural sciences, computer science and nutrition. Almost 25 faculty members in six departments give the division the depth of an outstanding community college -- offering courses in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, nutrition and physics.

The faculty is dedicated to helping students think critically and pursue scholarly enquiries. EMCC graduates routinely transfer to four-year schools and find positions in area businesses and industries.

Biology instructor Connie Rye of the Golden Triangle campus hel
Mary Wooten, left, and Alex Ashford during a lab.





NUMBERS GAME

Instructor Larry Gibson, above, explains a trigonometry problem at the Scooba campus. At right, Golden Triangle chemistry students Melody Corbitt and Latrice Robertson check out the periodic table of elements.

Scooba student
Todd Chisolm

Golden Triangle student
Marion Pierson

Scooba student
Destiny Cherry

Scooba students:
Britny Jeffcoats
Gwen Grace
Jacob Fedrick
Kyesha Smith

oba students in James Skipper's physical science class investigate the effects of ection, refraction and interference of light. Holding the bubble wand is Cassius Belk; kwise from left are Rebbie Windham, Aaron Askren, Kendrick Gibson, Stephen lduth, Keraneisha Green, Kristine Payton, Marsha Roeland and Anna Gordon.

LEARNING BY DOING
Scooba student Keoka Goodwin, above, examines the bones of the human hip. At left, Michelle Warren studies microcomputer applications.

den Triangle students Brittney Baylot, left, and Lindsey Mahon conduct a chemistry experiment.

Justin Swinney, left, and Stephen Phillips follow along on their screens as Scooba instructor Susan Morgan lectures in Microcomputer Applications.

Social Science & Business

Districtwide

One of three academic divisions, Social Science and Business includes about 30 faculty members with the academic credentials and experience to offer students a diverse education. Currently the Social Science and Business Division offers courses in accounting, business administration, criminal justice, economics, education, educational psychology, geography, health/physical education, history, political science, psychology and sociology.

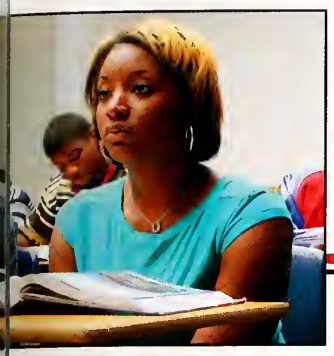
The faculty is dedicated to helping students in their pursuit of knowledge and excellence as they continue their journey to other institutions of higher learning or into the workplace.

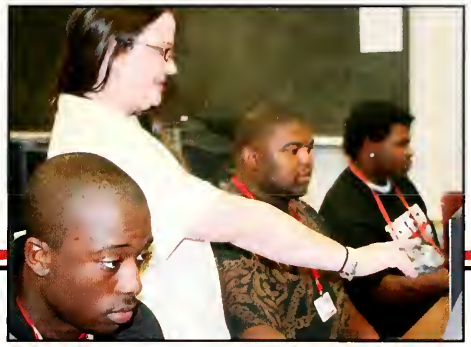
William Yount of East Mississippi Community College's Scooba campus lectures during a World Civilization class.

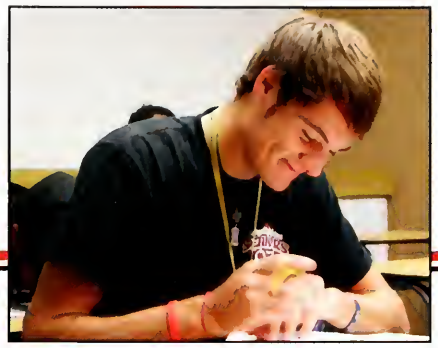
CITIZENSHIP
Lindsay Boyette of the Golden Triangle campus takes notes during an American Government class.

Scooba student Courtney Sherrod reviews a lesson.

Scooba student Justin Thompson works on an essay in Catherine Penick's Fundamentals of Composition class.



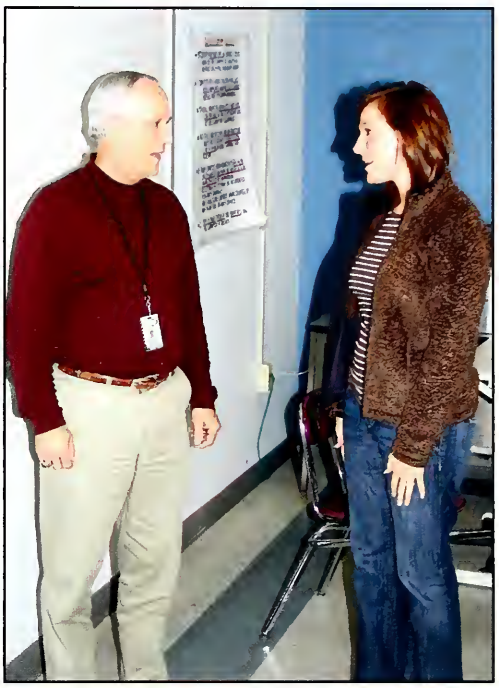




Terri Mitchell

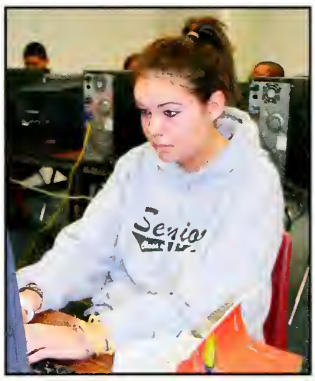
Tammy Parkes with students Michael Outlaw, Devon McKnight and Allen Robinson.

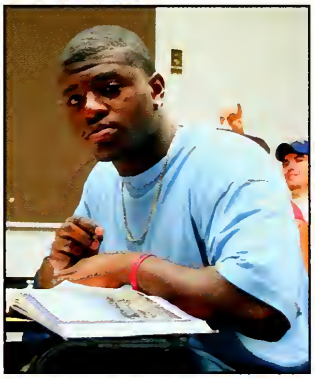
Charlie Fall



BUSY SEMESTER
Instructor Jerry Davis of the Golden Triangle campus discusses an upcoming Marriage and Family class with student Hailey Montgomery. At far left, Freshman Alex Mayfield of the Scooba campus takes a moment between classes to check his e-mail.

stie Owens, a Scooba sophomore, ponders intricacies of structure and composition ing an English literature class.





Above from left:
Derek Ivy
Shannon Syfrett
Chaddrick Smith

Golden Triangle students Matthew Webb and Elizabeth Atkins work on a project in psychology class.

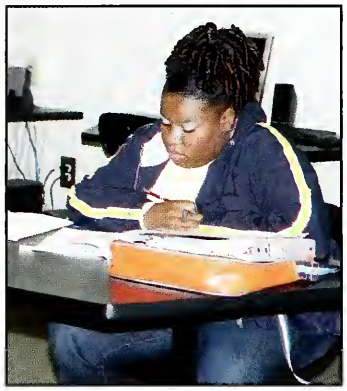
Special Populations

Related Studies

Golden Triangle, Scooba campuses

Several EMCC programs give students a little extra attention. Special Populations is geared toward students who are disabled or economically disadvantaged -- and also reaches out a hand to single parents, non-traditional students, displaced homemakers and people with limited English proficiency. The Related Studies program provides help with studying and testing. EMCC also offers courses in General Education Development and Adult Basic Education.

Mary M. Smith, right, welcomes LaToya Lynch to Scooba's weekly Special Populations lunch. Below, ABE student Machelle Miller of Golden Triangle studies for a test.



Marion Sam, left, a Related Studies instructor from Scooba, helps Ophthalmic Technology student Sylinna Haynes with her coursework.

Instructor Geneva Atkins, left, of Golden Triangle works with Tequela Allen during an ABE language class.

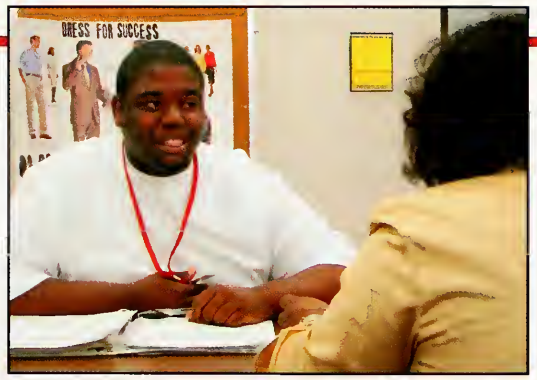
Student Services Coordinator Mary M. Smith of the Scooba campu left, poses at the Hawkins Career Technical Building with GED students Mary Lawson, center, and Carla Stuart.

ABE/GED

Scooba student Shuntrell Nicholson opens a soda at the weekly Special Populations lunch.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT
Gov. Haley Barbour, center of page, tours the ABE/GED facility during a visit to EMCC's Golden Triangle campus; shown with him are EMCC staffers Karen Quarrels and Melissa Wilson. Above, Felicia Reed and Willie Brown enjoy a hot dog at a Special Populations lunch in Scooba. At left, Victoria Dale signs up for "Christmas with the Kids" in Scooba, sponsored by Special Populations.

›bie Borganelli, left, a Related Studies English ructor at the Golden Triangle campus, and ·cial Populations instructor Brenda Wilson, t, help Angela Eacholes with a class ignment.



STUDY SKILLS
Scooba student Shayron Carr, left, works with Marion Sam of the Related Studies program.

Supervision & Management

Golden Triangle campus

Supervision and Management Technology is offered in the evening program and leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree. The 66-hour curriculum is designed for students who aspire to management and supervisory positions in business, industry and government.

Instructor Ben Murphy discusses a time management exercise w
Jay Mordecai.

Lucille Brown takes a last look at her notes before an exam.

Instructor Ben Murphy helps Tony Chandler with a management question.

Instructor Ben Murphy explains a work-flow graph to Gregory Sho
left, and Percy Burnell.

Tech Prep

Golden Triangle campus

Tech Prep in Mississippi is an innovative approach to high school, college and career education. The program combines rigorous academic courses with high-level technical training that prepares students for direct entry into the workplace or continuation to associate and/or higher degrees.

n Prep Coordinator Cindy Johnson takes a look at a metal trades cise at West Point High School.

Cindy Johnson visits with West Point High School Tech Prep students Kairrie Gates, Davisha Walker, WPHS instructor Lanell Early and Kimberly Williams.

n Prep technical assistants team members Cathy Kemp of umbus High School, Cindy Johnson, EMCC Tech Prep rdinator, Bob Fuller of Armstrong Middle School and Jennifer dgeworth of Meridian Community College go over research.

Cindy Johnson and Dr. Melanie Sanders plan the next Tech Prep event.

TRIO

Scooba campus

TRIO is a federal grant program funded through the U.S. Department of Education. Its purpose is to enhance opportunities for eligible students to succeed in college by making good grades and sound personal and social decisions. TRIO seeks to retain these eligible students from one academic year to the next, assist students in meeting graduation requirements and help them transition to four-year institutions to work toward bachelor's degrees.

Participants must enroll in academic programs and be first-generation college students. Other criteria include a low-income background and documented disability.

TRIP TO MSU

TRIO students toured Mississippi State University in Starkville in the fall. The group included, stand from left, Kyesha Smith, Emily Foy, Ashley Clark, TRIO counselor Teretha Conner, Lee Turner, Brittany Jenkins, LaShaundra Murray, Yolanda Hibbler, Dominick Gill, Tiara Jethrow, David Trosc Fred Boykins, Johnny Reed, DeQuisha Key and Christian Trussell. Seated are Roshondra Cooper and Shakevia Bush.

TRIO student Avery Brewer, above right, stretches his muscles during a study session.

TRIO tutor Larry Bourrage, right, works in Tubb-May Library with J.J. Clark.

The TRIO program's staff poses for a photo just before the Christmas break. They are Director Wynelia Cherry, center, James Rush, an instruct and counselor, and Teretha Conner, counselor.

ructor Bob Weining and Reggie Hairston check a truck's power ring fluid before an on-the-road session.

ructor Louis Nabors gives instructions to Reggie Hairston before a king exercise.

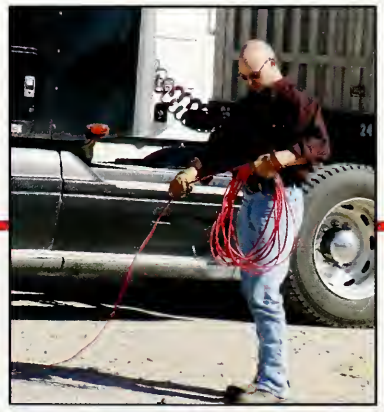
Truck driving

Golden Triangle and West Point campuses

Commercial Truck Driving program is an eight-program which prepares students to enter the commercial truck driving industry as over-the-road drivers. It is a combination of classroom, lab and actual road driving experience.

This program places emphasis on preparing students for today's truck driving industry. Today, truck drivers must be prepared and well-trained to meet the increased demands of the modern, competitive transportation industry.

Instructor Bob Weining and Steve Loden check the battery charger on a new EMCC truck.



Truck driving student Steve Loden winds up charger cable before hitting the road.

Welding

Scooba, Golden Triangle, Macon and West Point campuses

The Welding and Metal Fabrication program prepares graduates for jobs in manufacturing, structural construction, custom job shops or as integral parts of many businesses.

Students are instructed in a number of welding methods used in modern workplaces, and instructors place special emphasis on safety, relations with co-workers and professional standards.

The program offers two options: a) a nine-month curriculum leading to a certificate; and b) a two-year curriculum leading to an associate's degree in applied science.

David Langford of the Scooba campus puts skills learned in the classroom to work in the Welding and Metal Fabrication lab.

Danny Gaskin of the Golden Triangle campus uses a wire brush on a V-groove.

Instructor Larry Butler of the Scooba campus inspects a weld.

Instructor Ricky Collier of the Golden Triangle campus, left, looks over work done by Cliff Sanders.

is Godfrey works in the machine shop under the supervision of
uctor Steve Malone. Godfrey works at Columbus Marble Works.

ructor Grady Graham gives instructions to Katina Blackston,
works for Auto Quality Auto Service in Columbus.

Work-based Learning

Golden Triangle campus

Work-based Learning is a student training partnership between employers and approved career and technical programs. Students and employers who meet WBL program requirements are eligible to participate.

In addition to providing students with paid, supervised work experience related to their career paths, students earn college credit. Employers provide college personnel valuable feedback on student performance and curriculum to ensure that programs meet employer needs.

Darlene Tate, shown in the welding lab, works for International Military and Government LLC in West Point.

Albert Worthy tests the conveyor system in the Automation and Control lab. He works at SemiSouth in Starkville.

SPORTS

Lion spirit

One of the best things about living at the Scooba campus is getting involved in college athletics -- either as a player or a spectator cheering on the Lions. East Mississippi Community College sponsors teams in football, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball. And Golden Triangle got in on the act this year as the EMCC golf program moved to the Mayhew campus.

Baseball coach Tony Montgomery, above, talks to his players about the upcoming season.

Kyle Davis, right, during a game with East Central Community College.

EMCC's basketball team, far right, starts each game with a huddle.

GETTING ONE BY COAHOMA
This series of three photographs shows East Mississippi Community College quarterback Jare Gault, No. 11, and LeGarrette Blount, No. 4, celebrating in the end zone moments after Gault scored to extend the Lions' lead against Homecoming rival Coahoma to 34-19. Blount thrilled the crowd in the same game with a 75-yard touchdown run of his own. The Lions would go on to win by a score of 42-25.

Catcher Lauren Pinnix, far left, waits for the throw as Summer Frost scores during a practice softball game.

Kelsey Prevatt, left, leads the soccer team onto the field for a game against East Central Community College.

Football

7TH AIRBORNE
James Patterson, No. 7, knows there's more than one way to get past a tackler. If you can't go around him, and you can't run through him, you can always take to the air.

Jare Gault

Michael Outlaw

LeGarrette Blount

FOOTWORK
In this series of photos taken during EMCC's Homecoming game, No. 2 Leon Berry dodges a tackle and pushes forward for extra yardage.

No. 2 Leon Berry, left, easily outpaces a defender from Coahoma to score.

No. 82 Montrez Mosley, below, powers a six-pointer into the end zone at Homecoming.

In the center of the page, No. 4 LeGarrette Blount locks eyes with teammate James Patterson, No. 7, as he tries to muscle his way past a tackle.

Roster

No. 2	Leon Berry	WR
3	Jamar Shelton	DB
4	LeGarrette Blount	RB
5	Christian Trussell	WR
6	Derrick Boyd	DB
7	James Patterson	QB
8	Justin Murry	RB
9	Dameon Baylor	RB
10	Quentin Lowe	DB
11	Jare Gault	QB
12	Michael Outlaw	WR
14	Perry Trammell	QB
20	Marvis Owens	OLB
21	Terrell Jenkins	DB
22	Michael Ducksworth	DB
23	Aaron Larkin	RB
24	Johnathan Dancer	DB
28	Dorian McCoy	OLB
30	Avery Brewer	OLB
33	Jimmy Mitchell	FB
34	Branden Collins	LB
36	Jeremy Keys	OLB
37	Kyle Roberts	DB
38	Torris Graddy	ILB
40	Jonathon Booth	ILB
42	Jermarcus Thedford	DE
44	Justin Darden	ILB
45	Demetrius Culpepper	DE
48	Derek Johnson	DE
50	Michael Abney	LS
52	Abaris Sanders	ILB
55	Isaiah Lewis	OL
56	Cable McMinn	OL
61	Bart Sias	ILB
62	Marcolan Gibson	OL/LS
64	Michael Page	OL
66	DeJay Watkins	OL
67	Walter Taylor	DT
70	Sedrick Jenkins	OL
71	Kenneth Stallings	OL
72	Jeremy Lindsey	OL
73	Evan Webber	OL
78	Patrick Swoopes	OL
80	David Rue	TE
82	Montrez Mosley	WR
83	Semajj Collins	WR
84	Trey Tate	WR
85	Jarvis Taylor	TE
86	Tywan Bridges	WR
87	Charlie Fall	P
88	Chandler Brooks	K
89	Jimmy Bonner	TE
90	Travis Guffey	DE
91	Chaddrick Smith	DT
94	John Rice	DE
98	Nicholas Banks	DT
99	Tim McGee	DT

STRATEGY
Defensive coordinator Kelby Bowman, right, plans the next move with Abaris Sanders, No. 52, and Marvis Owens, No. 20. Below, No. 99 Tim McGee anchored the defensive front.

DEFENSE
The Lions' defensive line, right, stops would-be heroes from opposing teams in their tracks.

2007-08 Season

Aug. 30 East Central	Sept. 20 Holmes	Oct. 13, Homecoming Coahoma
Sept. 6 Southwest	Sept. 27 Northwest	Oct. 20 Copiah-Lincoln
Sept. 13 Delta	Oct. 4 Northeast	Oct. 27 Itawamba

TOO LATE
No 7 James Patterson, left, accelerates out of the reach of a defender from Holmes Community College. The Lions won the game in overtime. At far left, kicker Chandler Brooks watches from the sidelines.

RED ARMY
No. 44 Justin Darden, far left, No. 55 Isaiah Lewis and No. 85 Jarvis Taylor stalk the sidelines. At right, No. 6 Derrick Boyd leads the Lions onto the field.

LION FAITHFUL
The stands were packed during football season as EMCC fans came out to cheer for the Lions. At far left, head coach Roger Carr issues marching orders.

Coaches

Head coach Roger Carr

Kelby Bowman

Alan Hall

Ed Square

Tommy Ferrill

Dewayne Curry

Jackie Cooper

SPORTS
Cheerleaders

HERE THEY COME! Cheerleaders run onto the field with flags and pompoms at the start of EMCC's home game against Holmes Community College.

Captain Jessica Denton gets the crowd fired up.

Top: Jamera McDonald and Trey Triplett

Bottom: Erin Jenkins, Katie Moore and Kim Arledge

Jamie VanDevender waves to crowd from the summit of a "tabletop" stunt.

Roster

Jessica Denton
Captain

Brandy Walden
Captain

Kim Arledge
Brandi Aust
Ashley Cotton
Jacob Fedrick
Erin Jenkins
Jamera McDonald
Katie Moore
Jessica Stokes
Brandi Thompson
Trey Triplett
Jamie VanDevender
Kristal Whitlock

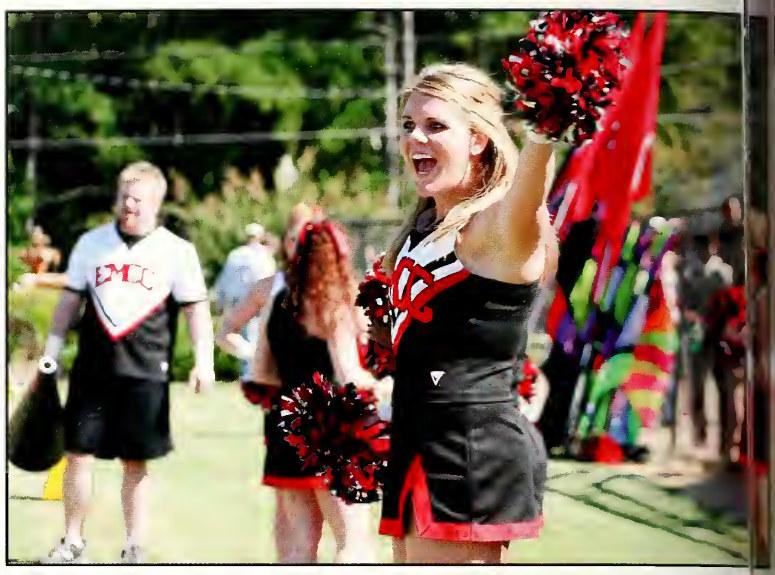
Danielle McDade
Coach

HIGH SPIRITS
The squad performs an extension lift at EMCC's Homecoming game against Coahoma. Up top are Erin Jenkins, foreground, Jamera McDonald and Brandi Thompson. Below left, Captain Brandy Walden and Kristal Whitlock cheer at the Delta game. Below right, Katie Moore gets a big hug from the Lion mascot.

Jamie VanDevender and Brandy Walden

Stephen Phillips cools down after a hot evening in the Lion mascot costume. Lanquan Ivy also appeared as the Lion.

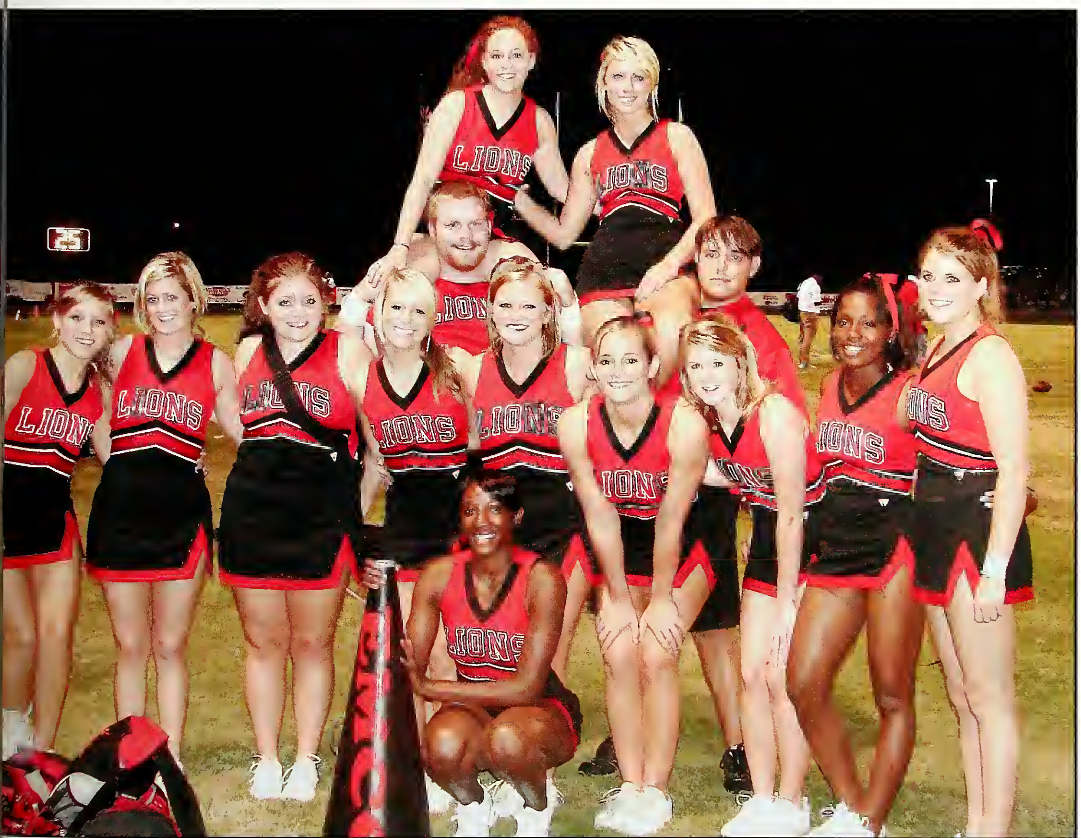
LITTLE LION
Captain Jessica Denton holds the smallest Lion cheerleader, her niece, Emma Kate Denton. At right, Jessica Stokes cheers a first down at Homecoming.



STUNTS
Brandi Aust, above, performs a Liberty during EMCC's Homecoming game. At right, Brandi Thompson stretches into an arabesque. At middle right, Ashley Cotton and Kristal Whitlock celebrate EMCC's 80th birthday with instructor Bob Lovelace.

CELEBRATION
Jamie VanDevender, left, and Trey Triplett pose for the camera. At right, Jacob Fedrick shouts encouragement.

HOW IT'S DONE
Kim Arledge, left, Erin Jenkins and Katie Moore show how a lift works. At far left, the squad arrives with EMCC's banners.



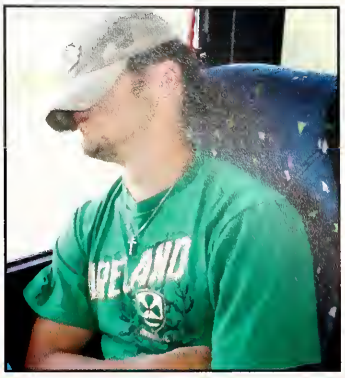
CHEERLEADING SQUAD
The members of the 2007-08 cheerleading squad are, kneeling, Kristal Whitlock. In the first row, from left, are Brandi Aust, Kim Arledge, Jessica Denton, Jamie VanDevender, Katie Moore, Brandy Walden, Brandi Thompson, Jamera McDonald and Jessica Stokes. In the second row are Trey Triplett, holding Erin Jenkins, and Jacob Fedrick, holding Ashley Cotton.

SPORTS Soccer

Men's Roste

LONG GAME
Rainer Hagewood, right, pauses during a long, hot home game. Below, Todd Chisolm goes after the ball during the Rush Invitational in Meridian.

Kyle Davis



Larnzy Carpenter

Captains

No. 2	**Todd Chisolm**
10	**Kyle Davis**
18	**Rainer Hagewood**

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4	Watson McDavitt
5	Luis Rosado
7	Meashawn Brand
9	Larnzy Carpenter
12	Trey White
14	Matthew Witbeck
17	Brantley Pierce
20	Glenn Simmons
21	Paul Nicholas
23	Jacob McGregor
24	Wyatt Jenkins
25	Aaron Jenkins
26	Alex Sholes

Manager: Charles Middleton

TAKING AIM
Wyatt Jenkins zeroes in on the ball during a match with East Central Community College. Below, Jacob McGregor runs for a play.

LISTEN UP
Coach Junior Noel, above left, talks to his players during halftime at a home game. Above, Todd Chisolm listens and plans his second-half strategy.

n Simmons, left, Kyle Davis and
tt Jenkins set up a play.

Larnzy Carpenter, left, and Paul Nicolas keep the ball moving.

ASSERTIVE
Kyle Davis, right, challenges an opponent from East Central Community College for possession. Below left, Matt Witbeck circles around after the completion of a play. Below right, Glenn Simmons and a Meridian player race toward the soccer ball as Rainer Hagewood watches to see what will happen next.

Luis Rosado, left, and Brantley Pierce

Alex Sholes

SKILLS
Paul Nicholas, far left, stays sharp on basic skills during a practice. In the center, Rainer Hagewood, Todd Chisolm and Trey White team up on a play. At right, coach Junior Noel watches the action on the field.

GAME TIME
Trey White, far left, discusses a play with a referee. At right, Luis Rosado tries to outdistance an opponent with his long stride.

HALFTIME
Goal keeper Aaron Jenkins, far left, and Matt Witbeck take a breather during halftime. At right, friends and family turn out to watch a game.

2007-08 Season

Head coach
Junior Noel

Aug. 15	Pearl River	Sept. 21	Itawamba
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Aug. 28	Itawamba	Sept. 29	Rush Invitational
Aug. 31	East Central	Oct. 3	Northwest
Sept. 5	Northwest	Oct. 6	Hinds
Sept. 8	Hinds	Oct. 9	Holmes
Sept. 11	Holmes	Oct. 15	Southwest
Sept. 19	Miss. Gulf Coast		

SPORTS Soccer

Women's Roster

I'LL TAKE THAT
Katrina Zahniser, above, takes the ball from a Copiah-Lincoln opponent. At top right, Maggie Gray, Kim Duke and Katrina Zahniser mug for the camera during a road trip. At bottom right, goal keeper Lacey Mangrum shows off her form.

Captains

No. 7	**Maggie Gray**
8	**DeVita Jones**
10	**Kelsey Prevatt**
15	**Ashley Helms**

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1	Jamera McDonald
3	Kristen Walls
5	Katrina Zahniser
11/37	Keighly Harvey
12	Kim Duke
17	Angelique Harkley
18	Heather Boatner
19	Carol Toney
20	Ashley Silas
25	Miranda Minor

Goal keepers	Katie Kelleher Lacey Mangrum
Managers	Katherine Brents Lauren Reves Kristen Walker Erica Warnat

AT WORK AND PLAY ...
Kelsey Prevatt, far left, rockets one EMCC's way as a player from Northwest ducks.

Katie Kelleher, left, dons a sombrero and does a dance during a team night out.

The captains of the women's soccer team, below, are Ashley Helms, Kelsey Prevatt, DeVita Jones and Maggie Gray.

ol Toney fights a Northwest er for the ball.

The sophomore Lady Lions are shown at a team retreat. They are, first row from left, Katie Kelleher, Angelique Harkley, Ashley Helms, DeVita Jones and Katrina Zahniser. In the second row are Keighly Harvey, Carol Toney, Kim Duke and Kelsey Prevatt.

COOL HEADS
Angelique Harkley, in the center of the page, keeps a steady focus on the ball as she runs down an opposing player from Copiah-Lincoln. Above, Ashley Helms keeps her composure, and possession of the ball, as a trio from Northwest Mississippi Community College moves in.

CAREFUL AIM
Maggie Gray puts the ball in play. At far right, Katie Kelleher, Lacey Mangrum and Heather Boatner pose on the bus after a trip to Burger King.

PANCAKES
Kristen Walls, Ashley Helms, Kim Duke and Maggie Gray work a pancake breakfast in Columbus to raise money for the team. At far right, Kelsey Prevatt heads the ball in a game against Northwest.

CRITICAL MOMENT
All eyes are on the ball, above, during a play at the goal against Hinds. At right, Kelsey Prevatt takes a breather.

SHOWDOWN
DeVita Jones, right, and a Northwest opponent charge the ball.

ON THE ROAD
Angelique Harkley, Kim Duke, Maggie Gray and Katrina Zahniser on the bus. At far left, the team waits under a shade tree for the action to begin.

STRATEGY
Miranda Minor and a player from Hinds Community College maneuver at mid-field.

COPIAH-LINCOLN
Keighly Harvey, Jamera McDonald and Kim Duke circle around for another play. In the center of the page, Co-Lin's No. 18 is pursued by Ashley Helms.

2007-08 Season

Head coach
Marcille
McLendon

Assistant
coach
Kate Neely

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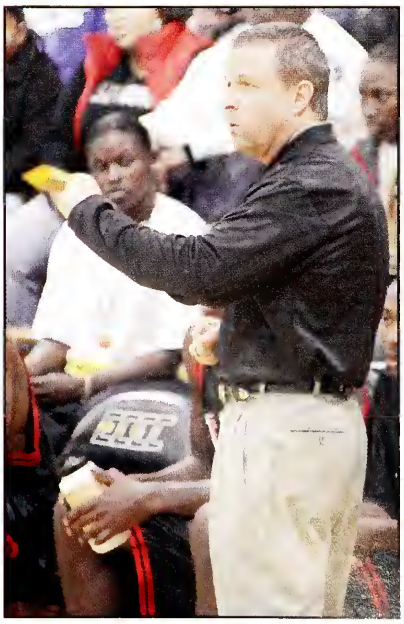
Basketball

Men's Roste



PASSION FOR THE GAME
Head coach Mark White watches the action carefully from the sidelines. At right, Cataurius Taylor goes up for two against East Central.

Captains

No. 23	**Keith James**
32	**Jarvis Hill**

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10	Josh Shields
11	Cataurius Taylor
12	Tristan McGowan
14	Jamien Robinson
15	Darian Donald
20	Nikco Harris
21	William Keyes
22	Lewis Little
24	QuVarius Howard
30	Brittion Smith
33	Sammie Lee
34	Devin Knox

Managers	Cameron Ezell
	Sergio Townsel

I'VE GOT THIS ONE ...
Keith James covers East Central's tall No. 22. At far left, another East Central player tries to keep pace with Jarvis Hill.

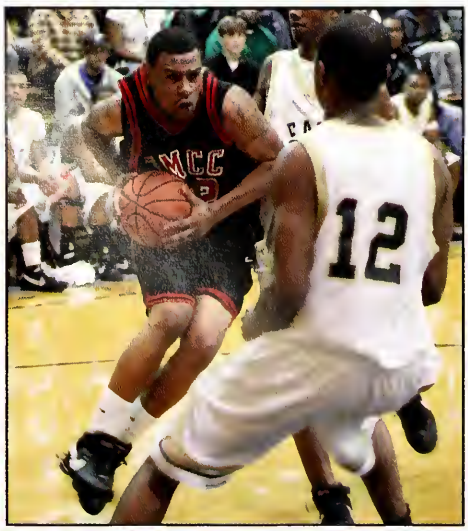
IN THE ZONE
Jarvis Hill, above, launches a shot during an away game at ECCC. In the center of the page, Keith James maneuvers around Itawamba.

DETERMINATION
Tristan McGowan, above, frustrates an ECCC defender. At left, Devin Knox muscles his way past Itawamba at a home game.

LONG REACH
Brittion Smith, below, keeps the basketball away from an Itawamba player. At right, Keith James palms the ball on his way up for a basket during a game against East Central.

TAKING AIM
Cataurius Taylor takes a shot during the Holmes game.

GOING FOR IT
Brittion Smith, above, dives for possession in an away game. At right, Jarvis Hill comes down with the ball against ECCC. At far right, Brittion Smith shoulders his way past a defender from Itawamba.



SPRING-LOADED
Jarvis Hill outpaces a pair from Itawamba Community College. At far left, Lewis Little sails over the heads of ECCC spoilers to score for the Lions.

QuVarius "Woodie" Howard

Lewis Little

IT'S ON, NOW ...
No. 24 QuVarius "Woodie" Howard takes on a wall of ECCC uniforms at Keyes Currie. At far left, ECCC doubles up on Lewis Little.

2007-08 Season

Head coach
Mark White

Assistant coach
Jeremy
Shulman

Nov. 1	Jones	Jan. 7	Northwest
Nov. 3	East Central	Jan. 14	Delta
Nov. 5	Pearl River	Jan. 17	Itawamba
Nov. 8	Hinds	Jan. 22	Northeast
Nov. 12	Meridian	Jan. 24	Holmes
Nov. 15	East Central	Jan. 28	Coahoma
Nov. 19-20	Gulf Coast Holiday Classic	Jan. 31	Northwest
		Feb. 7	Delta
Nov. 26	Meridian	Feb. 11	Itawamba
Nov. 28	Alabama Southern	Feb. 14	Northeast
Dec. 3	Jones	Feb. 18	Holmes
Dec. 8	Huntingdon (JV)	Feb. 21	Coahoma
Jan. 3	Gulf Coast		

Basketball

Women's Roster

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT
Head coach Sharon Thompson calls for a time-out from the sidelines. At right, Miari Franklin goes low to get past Itawamba.

Captains

No. 20	**Miari Franklin**
32	**Javitia Eades**

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10	Victoria Hill
11	Kottia White
14	Whitney Love
21	Sanitra Bush
22	LaBrea Jones
23	Ashley Clark
30	Ariel Cleveland
31	Jasmine Abrams
34	Shaurice Miller
35	Reva Brown
42	Tiquita Smith
45	Kenethia Stallings

Managers	Antonio Lockett
	Hattie Johnson

Javitia Eades, Itawamba game

The team huddles before a practice.

Shaurice Miller, sophomore player

DISCIPLINE
The team's training regimen includes stretching and toning. At left, Jasmine Abrams fights a player from Meridian Community College for possession. In the center of the page, No. 21 Sanitra Bush gets ready for the rebound as Javitia Eades goes up for two points.

EXTRA EFFORT
Kottia White drives past defenders from Meridian Community College. At far left, No. 31 Jasmine Abrams stays focused on the basket -- despite distractions from Itawamba defenders.

STRATEGY
Miari Franklin, right, doesn't need to look as she passes to a teammate during a game against Meridian Community College. Below, Sanitra Bush works her way down the court against East Central.

ITAWAMBA GAME
Javitia Eades, below, helps the Lions to victory in a close game against Itawamba.

COURT ACTION
Kottia White guards against a steal during an MCC game.

TRICKY PASS
Sophomore Whitney Love works fast in tight quarters to get the ball away from a pair of MCC defenders.

SURE HANDS
Sanitra Bush, left, plans a shot during a game against MCC. Below, Miari Franklin shoots past Itawamba's reach.

CONSISTENCY
Kottia White displays the consistent form that made her a top scorer for the Lions.

SUPPORT
Reva Brown, Ariel Cleveland and Ashley Clark keep an eye on the action during EMCC's game against Holmes Community College. At far left, coach Thompson talks to Javitia Eades during a time-out.

2007-08 Season

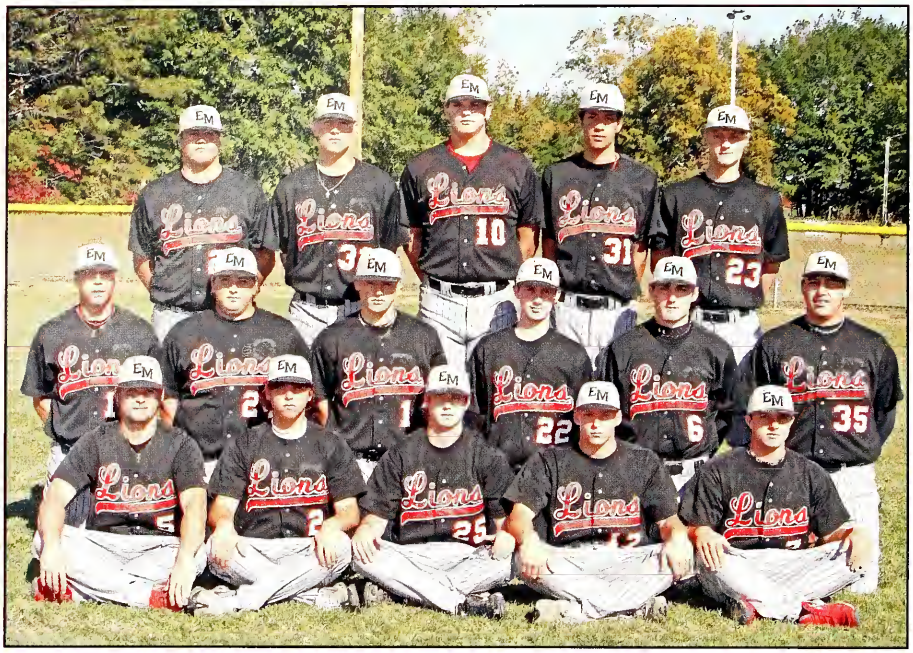
Head coach Sharon Thompson

Assistant coach Cadarrall Eddings

Assistant coach Morgan Goodrich

Oct. 11	Jamboree	Jan. 7	Northwest
Nov. 1	Jones	Jan. 14	Delta
Nov. 3	East Central	Jan. 17	Itawamba
Nov. 5	Pearl River	Jan. 22	Northeast
Nov. 8	Hinds	Jan. 24	Holmes
Nov. 12	Meridian	Jan. 28	Coahoma
Nov. 15	East Central	Jan. 31	Northwest
Nov. 19-20	Gulf Coast Holiday Classic	Feb. 7	Delta
		Feb. 11	Itawamba
Nov. 26	Meridian	Feb. 14	Northeast
Dec. 3	Jones	Feb. 18	Holmes
Dec. 8	Alabama Southern	Feb. 21	Coahoma
Jan. 3	Gulf Coast		

Baseball



BEHIND THE SCENES
The managers of the 2007-08 Lions baseball team are, from left, Justin Thompson, Joe Jernigan and Nick Shelton.

Roster

Captains

No. 33	**Ben Fleming**
2	**Tyler Weston**

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Sophomores
Left to right, from first row

No. 5	Brock Mosley
2	Tyler Weston
25	J.D. Fondren
17	Golden Grasse
7	Wayne Presley
19	Tyler Hodge
24	Tyler Maness
1	Cam Bane
22	James Stoddard
4	Adam Lollar
35	Brandon Briggs
29	Josh Dunn
33	Ben Fleming
10	Jonathan Wray
31	Kevin VanVeen
23	Alan Roye

Freshmen
Left to right, from first row

*	Wayne Kinsey
	Jason Pritchett
*	Jeremy Mask
	Brandon Howell
*	Eric Phyfer
*	Bret Farris
27	Logan Theall
14	Nathan Riley
*	Cody Bennett
*	Corey Luke
	Anthony Taylor
11	Cody Brownlee
18	Chase Pearson
16	Ed Guidry
20	Nathan Peden
21	Drake Gregory
9	Austin Riggs
26	Ricky Gardner
	Dustin Parker
31	Terrell Jenkins (not pictured)

* Redshirt

Managers	Joe Jernigan
	Nick Shelton
	Justin Thompson

Lion pitchers:
Jonathan Wray
Golden Grasse
Alan Roye

YOU'RE OUT!
No. 11 Cody Brownlee, center of page, leaps for the catch and makes the out at first before his feet touch the ground again.

Terrell Jenkins

Golden Grasse and Ed Guidry meet on the mound with pitching coach Steve Cogswell.

HEAVY BATS
Co-captains Tyler Weston and Ben Fleming, above, take their turns batting and running the bases during EMCC's match-up with Marion Institute.

Baseball ■ Baseball ■ Baseball ■ Baseball

Pitcher Ricky Gardner

Marion runs out of luck as Tyler Weston snags a throw from Ed Guidry for an out at second base.

The team finishes up practice with an impromptu mass wrestling match.

SEASON OPENER
Second baseman Nathan Riley stays alert during a tense moment in EMCC's win over Marion Institute to open the season. In the center of the page, Nathan Peden swings for a hit. At far right, Ben Fleming checks the flight of the ball on his way to first base.

NEXT LEVEL
Lining up for a photo after a practice are, from left, Nathan Riley, Nathan Peden, Tyler Hodge, Ed Guidry, Wayne Presley, Cody Brownlee, Golden Grasse and Tyler Weston. At far right, Ed Guidry throws a runner from Marion Institute out at second.

2007-08 Season

Head coach Tony Montgomery

Pitching coach Steve Cogswell

Assistant coach Josh Snider

Feb. 6	Marion Institute	March 11	Mineral Area
Feb. 8	Bevill Sumiton		Gulf Coast
Feb. 13	Southwest	March 18	Holmes
Feb. 16	Jeff State	March 21	Northeast
Feb. 19	Southwest	March 26	Delta
Feb. 23	Jones	April 1	Meridian
Feb. 26	Marion Institute	April 5	Hinds
Feb. 28	Southwest Tenn.	April 9	East Central
March 1	Crowley Ridge, Ark.	April 12	Holmes
March 4	Jones	April 15	Gulf Coast
March 8	Northeast	April 16	Southwest Tenn.
	Co-Lin	April 19	Meridian
March 10	Co-Lin	April 23	Hinds
	Kishwaukee	April 26	East Central

Roster

Softball

EMCC Softball Team

First row:
No. 10 Alex Mallette
22 Lacey Mangrum
14 Sara Havard
3 Ashlyn Grossie
12 Kristie Owens
5 Ashley Helms
15 Britny Jeffcoats
11 Summer Frost

Second row:
No. 30 Stephanie Pounders
23 Tiara Jethrow
13 Lauren Pinnix
6 Danielle Dore
7 Maggie Gray
2 Jessica Vick
33 Brooke Lee
4 Lyndsee Spears
24 Ashley Clark

Third row: Diamond Benoman, manager
Casse Carpenter, former grad. assistant
Asst. coach Kate Neely
20 Kayla Brown
25 Jorga Edmonds
44 Josie Matthews
Kristin Young
9 Kathlyn Doss
Alison Linney
Head coach Rob Criddle
Chris Wilson, manager

PLAY BALL!
The Lady Lions welcomed visiting teams to a new softball complex in 2008. The softball team's season began in February; action on the diamond also included pre-season scrimmage games. Lauren Pinnix, above, gets ready for the pitch while batter Brooke Lee begins her swing.
At left, Ashley Clark keeps an eye on the pitcher as she eases toward second base.

PITCH MECHANICS
This series of three photographs, taken seconds apart, shows how pitcher Brooke Lee's delivery works.

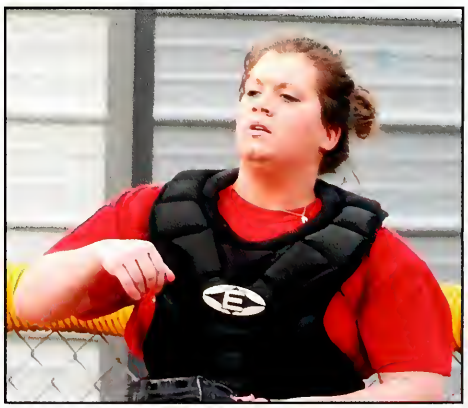
AFTERNOON PRACTICE
Lady Lions sharpen their skills. They are, from left, Stephanie Pounders, Maggie Gray and Danielle Dore.

RAIN OR SHINE
Second baseman Kristie Owens fields the ball on a muddy practice field. At right, catcher Lauren Pinnix waits for the throw during a practice games as Kayla Brown and Summer Frost come in for the score.

Jorga Edmonds

Lauren Pinnix

Alex Mallette



SPEED
Stephanie Pounders' face is all about concentration as she gets ready to launch a pitch.

PRACTICE
Tiara Jethrow scoots out of the way of a wide pitch during a practice game as catcher Lauren Pinnix snags the ball. Below, catcher Jessica Vick waits for a sizzler from Kathlyn Doss.

Britny Jeffcoats and Summer Frost work on their swings.

Ashlyn Grossie straps on her catcher's gear.

Kayla Brown fields a ball during a spring practice.

2007-08 Season

Head coach
Rob Criddle

Assistant coach
Kate Neely

Feb. 12	Pearl River	March 21	Meridian
Feb. 15	Copiah-Lincoln	March 26	Hinds
Feb. 16	Gulf Coast	March 29	East Central
Feb. 18	Itawamba	March 31	Northwest
Feb. 21	Pearl River	April 2	Holmes
Feb. 26	Jones	April 5	Itawamba
Feb. 28	Southwest	April 8	Meridian
Feb. 29-March 1	Northeast Tournament	April 10	Southwest
		April 12	Hinds
March 5	Copiah-Lincoln	April 14	Northwest
March 7-8	Pearl River Tournament	April 16	East Central
		April 19	Holmes
March 12	Gulf Goast		
March 18	Jones		

Golf

LINING IT UP
Zak Holloway lines up a putt at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point, one of the golf program's four home courses. The others are Elm Lake in Columbus, Highlands Plantation in Starkville and Columbus Country Club.

TEE SHOT
Rick Hodges, Adam Richardson and Brian Ledbetter admire Hal Larkin's tee shot at Mountaintop Golf Club. At right, Adam Richardson tees off at Mountaintop Golf Club in Highlands, N.C., as Rick Hodges, Hal Larkin and Brian Ledbetter look on.

Golf's new home

The golf program reinvented itself in 2007-08, moving from the Scooba campus to the Golden Triangle campus -- and opening the season with the first-ever Fall World Class Golf Tour.

During the tour, EMCC golfers took on Farm Links Golf Club in Sylacauga, Ala.; Heritage Golf Club in Atlanta; Cullasaja and Highlands Cove golf clubs in Highlands, N.C.; Mountaintop Golf Club in Cashiers, N.C.; Brices Creek Golf Club in New Bern, N.C.; and Pinehurst No. 2 and Forest Creek golf clubs in Pinehurst, N.C.

The members of the 2007-08 EMCC golf team are, from left:
Coach Dale Peay
Brian Ledbetter
Carson Beard
Adam Richardson
Hal Larkin
Zak Holloway
Corey Reynolds

Head coach
Dale Peay

TAKING IN THE SCENERY
Adam Richardson, left, Carson Beard, Corey Reynolds, Hal Larkin, Brian Ledbetter, Coach Dale Peay and Zak Holloway admire the mountains of North Carolina during the EMCC World Class Golf Tour, sponsored by the EMCC Development Foundation. In the center of the page, Adam Richardson, seated, and Carson Beard plan their next shot while visiting Forest Creek Golf Club in Pinehurst, N.C.

IT'S ALL IN THE WRIST
Golf Coach Dale Peay, left, helps Adam Richardson with his putting technique. Above, Corey Reynolds prepares to drive through the ball on his tee shot at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point.

he EMCC golf team takes a minute to survey the surroundings at nehurst Golf Club during the Fall World Class Golf Tour.

Trainers

When it comes to athletics, no EMCC team is complete without the assistance of a trainer. Trainers provide care to athletes during sports events and practices. As soon as players become dehydrated or injured, trainers work in an instant to get them back in the game. In this series of photos, trainer Will Ball helps basketball player Whitney Love recover after surgery.

1. Whitney performs plyometric exercises to build muscle tone.

2. Ice therapy reduces Whitney's swelling.

3. Will Ball uses E-Stim, electromuscle stimulation, to help re-educate muscles.

4. To relieve tension, Whitney spends time in the whirlpool.

5. Student trainers like Will Tate learn about sports therapy through hands-on experience.

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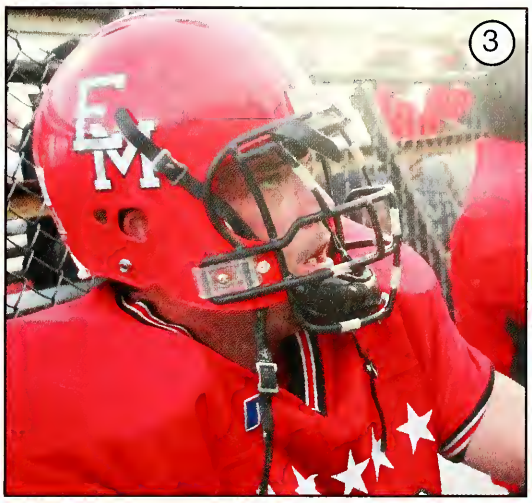
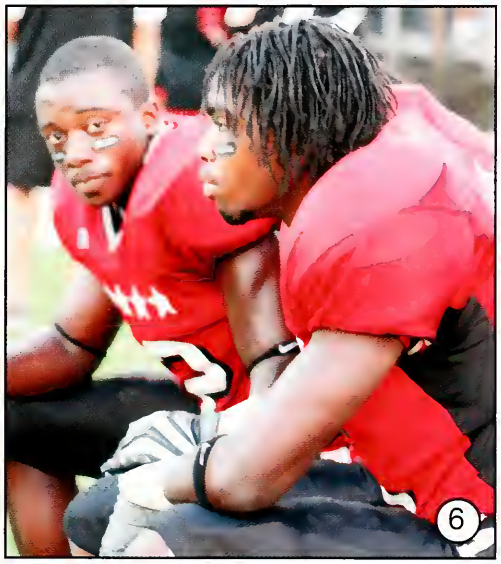




1. Baseball players Ed Guidry and Nathan Peden finish up a practice ... in the air.

2. Head men's basketball coach Mark White in May 2007 as he announces to the press that he will leave MSU to lead EMCC's program.

3. Defensive end Travis Guffey in September, during EMCC's matchup with Holmes Community College.

4. No. 23 Keith James: "Maybe it looks crazy, but whatever works." These unusual tactics came in November during a basketball game against East Central Community College.

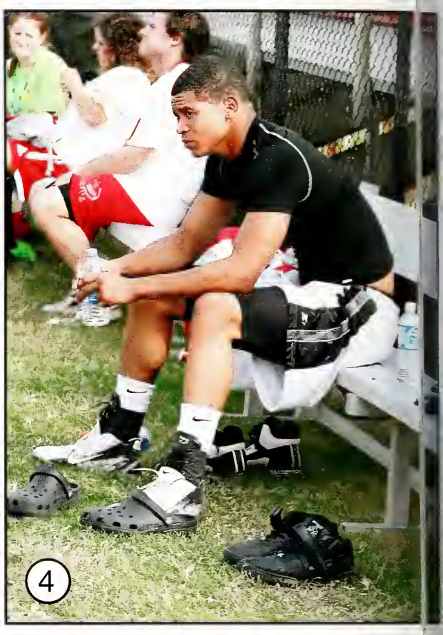
5. Soccer players try a change of pace with intramural volleyball. From left, they are Katie Kelleher, Katrina Zahniser, Wyatt Jenkins, Todd Chisolm, Kelsey Prevatt and Aaron Jenkins.

6. Wide receiver Michael Outlaw peers around teammate Christian Trussell during the Holmes game.

7. Kenneth Spann, intramural football.

8. Rufus Nunn, intramural football.

9. Rebecca Mitchell, pool at the Student Activities Building.



1. Soccer players Trey White and Glenn Simmons during a halftime.

2. Buddy Stephens became EMCC's head football coach in December. Before joining the EMCC family, Stephens helped lead Pearl River Community College to four consecutive state titles and one national title.

3. Josie Matthews, Ashley Clark, Kristin Young and the women's softball team on a brisk October run.

4. Joshua Collins, intramural football.

5. Cheerleader Kim Arledge in a contemplative moment.

6. Jason Pritchett, intramural football

7. Jay Johnson and Cedric Gathings work concessions at a home football game.

8. Alex Sholes and Kendrick Gibson fight for the ball during an intramural football game.

Lions Football 2007

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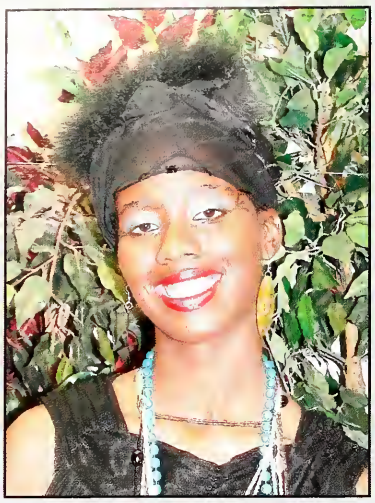
PEOPLE



What really matters

When all is said and done, it is the people you meet on the journey who change your life. In their presence, you try harder, live larger, reach farther. And while students graduate from EMCC and move on to the next steps toward excellence in their personal and professional lives, they never forget the company they kept along the way.

Julie Jarvis registers to win a T-shirt at the Golden Triangle campus as instructor Lori Smith looks on.

Across the bottom, pp. 152-153:

Ricky Gardner, Scooba

DeJay Watkins and Jarvis Taylor, Scooba

Brittany Dooley and Angelique Harkley, Scooba

Cindy Anderson, LaQuita Green, Otisha Mixon and Deidre Jackson try on "sparklies" before the Marketing program's jewelry sale, Golden Triangle

DeVita Jones in "Dullsville" costume and makeup, Scooba

Daniel Rushing on a choir trip, Scooba

Jeremy Beck and developmental reading teacher Tanzie Brown, Scooba

Michael Abney, taking notes in World Civilization, Scooba

Oscar Clemons and his one-of-a-kind cruising machine, Scooba

FRIENDS
Gathered on Camouflage Day in Scooba, above, are Brandi Aust, Jessica Denton, Kim Duke, Maggie Gray, Ashley Helms, Lauren Reves, Jessica Stokes, Brandi Thompson, Brandy Walden, Erica Warnat, Katie Warren, Katrina Zahniser ... and one unidentified crazy man in the back. In the center of the page is Sharita Jamison waiting her turn on Funny T-shirt Day.

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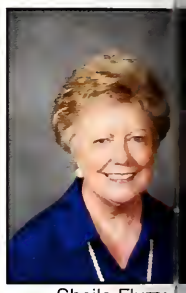
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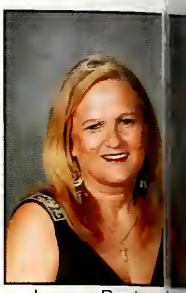
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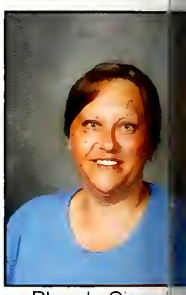
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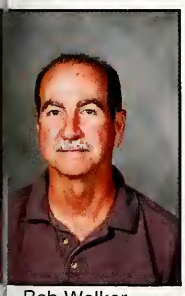

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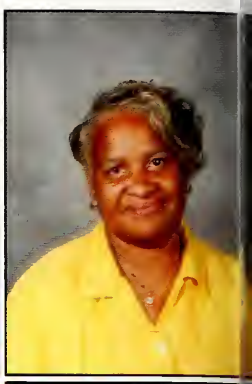

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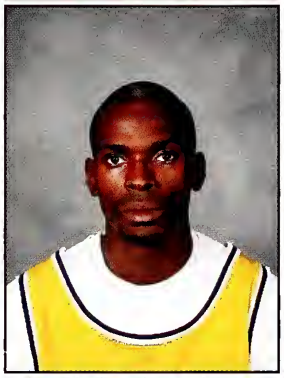

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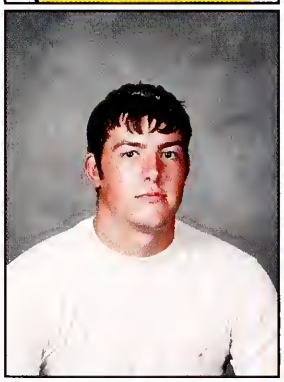

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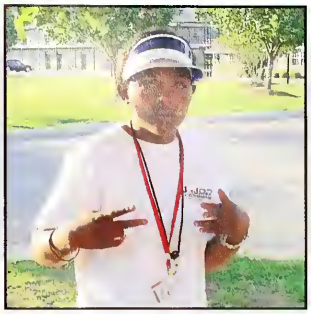

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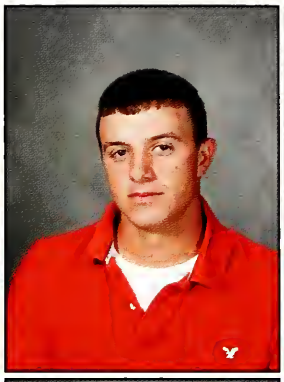

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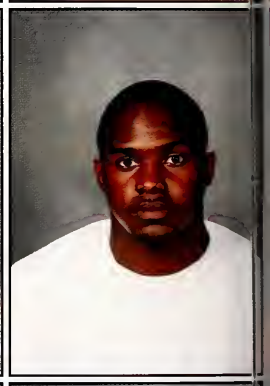

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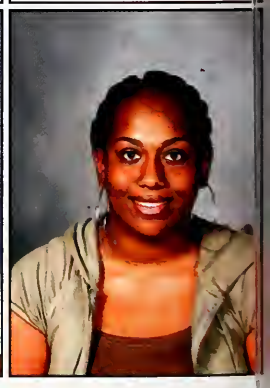

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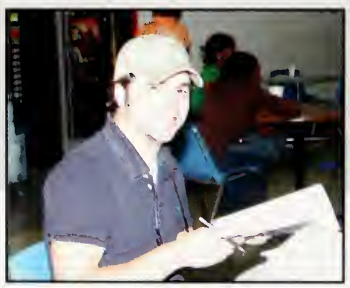

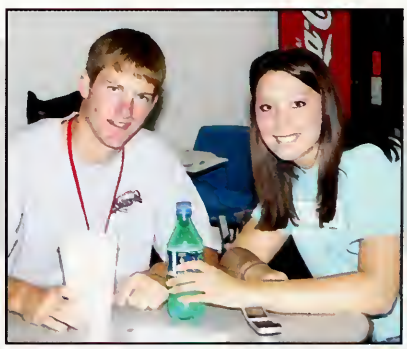

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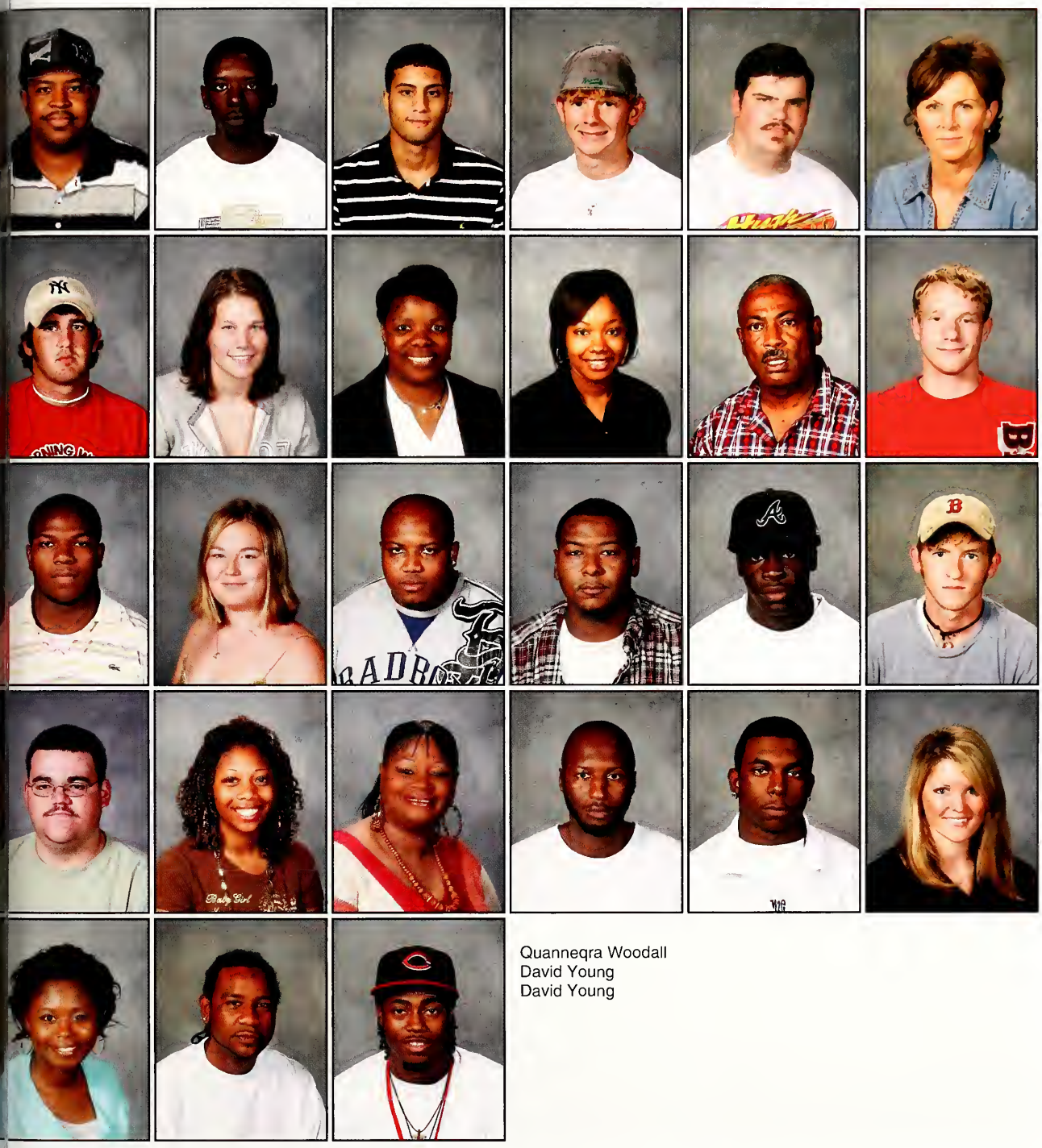

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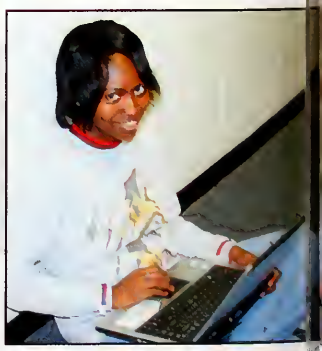

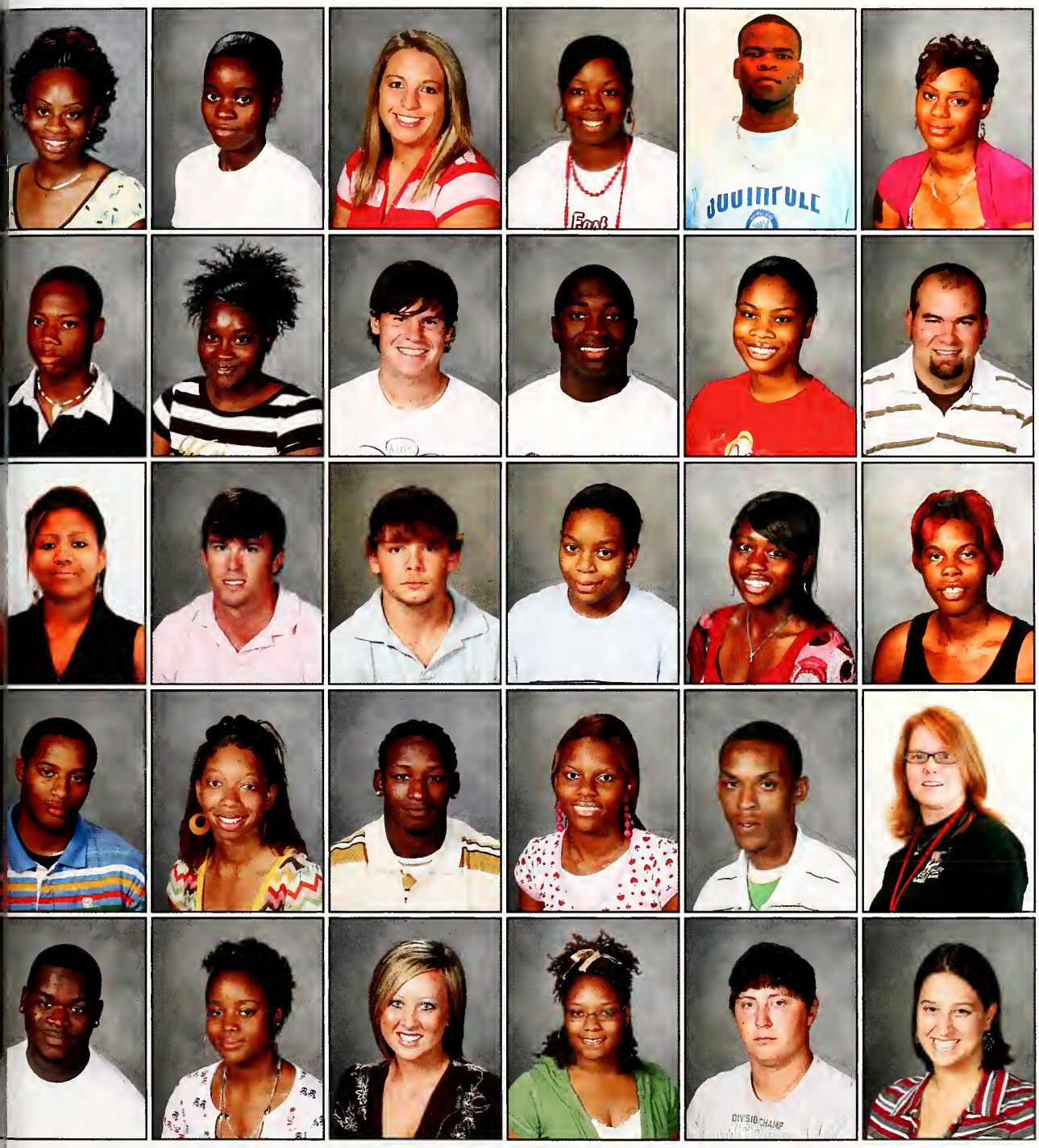

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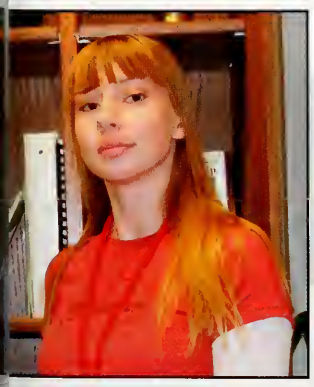

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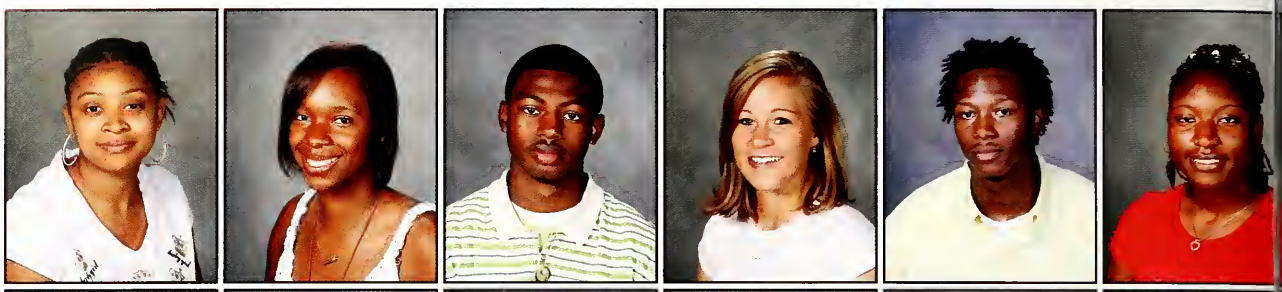

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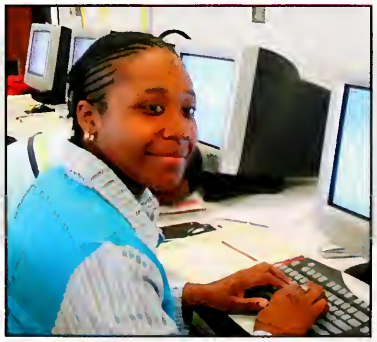

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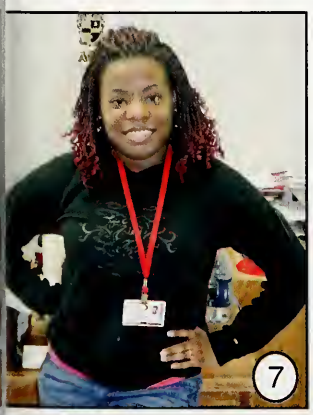

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2. Angelique Harkley, always the talker, gets caught mid-sentence.

3. Steven Howell and Bobby Orsburn team up in an automotive class at Golden Triangle.

4. Renee Connor, Mandy Holdiness, Marbi McCann and Angela Price spice it up in their costumes.

5. Golden Triangle instructors Trina Dendy, Zelma Fulgham, Bill Gavin, Ernie Lowrimore and Jodi Pierce pose for the camera.

6. A young fan poses with the EMCC Lion at a home basketball game.

7. April Steele, Scooba campus.

8. Dean Andrea Mayfield, Scooba campus.

9. Decorey Goss, Richard Stewart and Jeremy Wilson hang out at the Northeast football game.

1. Dudley Shurlds, Jacqueline Newton, Patricia Locke, Renee Sanders and Julie Dalrymple of the Columbus Air Force Base branch at an enrollment drive at Leigh Mall.

2. Tyler Hodge, Scooba campus.

3. Jaquita Page and Jeremy Wyke, Scooba campus.

4. Larry Bourrage and Fannetta Dancy, Scooba campus.

5. DeChiquita Logan, Golden Triangle campus.

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12. Jeniffer Fox, Scooba campus.

13. Leigh Morgan, Golden Triangle campus.

14. LaBrea Jones, Scooba campus.

15. Asia Thomas and Willie Jones, Scooba campus.

16. Nartoya Collins, Scooba campus.

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Editors' Corner

Where do I begin? This year has been one year that I will never forget. From friends to faculty and staff, everyone has contributed something to my life. First off, I want to thank God for the opportunity to be chosen as editor of this year's yearbook. There were times when I wanted to give up, but I knew that I had a job to do -- and that was to deliver something that everyone could enjoy for a lifetime.

Secondly, I want to thank Ms. Suzanne Monk and Mr. Derrick Conner for all the hard work they put into this project. Marques Creer, associate editor, for your hard work, that really paid off, thanks! Fred Boykins, who worked non-stop on assignments, your work was well worth it. And to the rest of the yearbook staff who worked so diligently on assignments when asked, thank you.

As you journey off into the real world, whether it's landing your dream job or going on to further your education at a senior college, always remember to keep God first. This page wasn't just set aside for me to tell how I felt, but to express to the student body how a simple, "hello," or "how are you today," kept me motivated and made me realize that there are still some people in the world who care.

I hope you leave with something that you will always remember about EMCC. I know that I will as I journey off to pursue my dream and "Take a Step Toward Excellence."

Antonio Lockett, Editor

At left, Antonio Lockett attends the Southern Invitational Choral Conference at the University of Southern Mississippi.

A LITTLE TO THE LEFT ...
Here's one last look at Marques Creer as you often saw him -- directing people posing for a photo where to stand to get the best shot.

What's the first thing everybody does when they get their yearbook? They turn to the index to see how many page numbers follow their names. The purpose of the yearbook is to capture and preserve memories so they will never die or be forgotten. As someone who took a lot of photographs for The Lion, I tried to capture moments that were special and important -- and to include as many people as possible.

I will miss carrying the camera around school and taking pictures of students and faculty. I will even miss the hard work it took to make the yearbook. Most people do not know what it takes to design, lay out and organize a yearbook; it's harder than you think. I will never forget coming to school on the weekends or trying to squeeze in time between classes to lay out a page or identify people in photos for the index.

I would like to say thank you to all the people who helped and contributed to the yearbook. And, now that the yearbook is complete, I hope you all will enjoy it.

Marques Creer, Associate Editor